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ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SAY:

'CJMT program won't address military's training deficiencies'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

he proposed CNMI Joint Military Training program is not designed to address the U.S. military's training deficiencies throughout the Western Pacific generally, as the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Department of Defense suggest, according to four environmental groups.

Rather, the environmental groups' counsel David L. Henkin of Earthjustice said, the proposed CJMT focuses on training deficiencies "specifically in the Mariana Islands."

In the groups' opposition to the Navy's and Defense's motion for summary judgment, Henkin said the Navy identified those deficiencies in its 2013 training needs assessment, which evaluated "unfilled training requirements for

units/commands in the U.S. Pacific Command Area of Responsibility" and concluded that "the greatest number of training deficiencies existed in the Mariana Islands."

The groups—Tinian Women Association, Guardians of Gani, Pagan Watch, and the Center for Biological Diversity—are suing the Navy and Defense and their secretaries for alleged violation of National Environ-

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Manglona recuses from sex trafficking case

» Says new information about brother's interview, other docs not presented at earlier time

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted vesterday a motion to recuse herself from a sex trafficking case, in which the defendant implicated her brother, former Saipan senator and current Commonwealth Ports Authority board member Thomas "Kiyu" Villagomez, as one of the alleged true organizers of

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Democrats support Babauta-Sablan ticket

By JON PEREZ

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The local Democratic Party has formally thrown its support to the gubernatorial ticket of former governor Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita A. Sablan in a simple endorsement ceremony at their party headquarters in Dandan.

Party secretary Jonathan P. Cabrera said they were not able to find standard bearers for the two highest posts in the Commonwealth despite them being organized and ready to work for the people of the CNMI.

"We certainly looked far and wide for two individuals to carry our banner. Despite that, because we want

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JON PEREZ

Former governor Juan N. Babauta, second left, and former CNMI State Public School System commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, third left, show the resolution penned by the CNMI Democratic Party after getting their endorsement yesterday.



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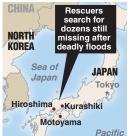
International singer Leilani Wolfgramm definitely rocked the island after her first of, hopefully, many concerts on Saipan.



NATION

President Donald Trump chose Brett Kavanaugh, a solidly conservative, politically connected judge, for the Supreme Court.

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Rescuers were combing through mud-covered hillsides and along riverbanks Tuesday searching for dozens of people missing after heavy rains unleashed flooding and mudslides in southwestern Japan.

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'25 percent for PSS must be reviewed'

» PSS asking

for \$55M

for FY '19

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A Tinian senator believes that since the Public School System requests for a budget that is over the constitutionally mandated minimum, then it's high time that the Legislature review the mandate.

Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) during yesterday's PSS budget hearing for their fiscal year 2019 budget said that the CNMI Constitution's

mandate of 25 percent general funds entitled to PSS needs to be reviewed since they request for an annual budget well above the mandate. The Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs chaired by Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) conducted the public hearing.

For fiscal year 2019, PSS is asking for \$55 million, while Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' budget proposal was at \$41.8 million. The House of Representatives last week passed Rep. Angel A. Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-173 on first and final reading.

The legislation concurred with Torres' proposal for PSS.

"This is the case for every

budget—PSS still needs more than 25 percent. I believe that the Legislature may need to pass another initiative to get [PSS] more than 25 percent

every year so that PSS will be satisfied," Cruz said before the committee and representatives of PSS. Cruz also clarified that

> he was in support of PSS and their financial needs.

Board of Education member Herman Guerrero

rebutted that the 25 percent mandate of the CNMI Constitution was merely the minimum appropriation allowed

"The Legislature can give us more than that. [The constitutional mandate] is only a guarantee that PSS is properly funded," Guerrero said.

PSS, in their budget hearing, reported that their focuses for this year include the improvement of school facilities and amenities; making investments on instructional materials; the retention and recruitment efforts for teachers through attractive compensation; and joining the fight against obesity.

Acting PSS commissioner Jackie Quitugua also added that mental health security of students also remains a priority for the PSS.

"We need now to pay attention how we address...everyone that exists on campus to be able to provide 100 percent quality support for our children," she said.

"We try our very best to make do with what we have," she added.

Woman who stabs husband in neck gets 3-day prison term

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A woman, accused of stabbing her common-law husband in the back of the neck with a knife during their drinking session with a neighbor at their residence in Chalan Laulau, has entered a guilty plea and sentenced with a mandatory term of 72 hours imprisonment.

In an order issued last week, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Ana Nepaial Mettao

» Given credit for 48 days of time already served in jail

to one-year imprisonment, all suspended except the mandatory 72-hour prison term, for the offense of assault and battery (domestic violence).

Mettao, 56, was given credit for 48 days of time already served in jail. She was ordered to report and register with the Office of Adult Probation by last Monday morning.

Mettao was placed on two years of probation, required to pay all court costs and fees, and ordered not to harass, threaten, or assault the victim, Biro Hamo.

Govendo said the defendant shall re-Govendo main on supervised probation until completion of anger management, then on unsupervised probation for the

duration of the two-year pro-

bationary period.

During the probationary

period, Mettao will be prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol or any illegal controlled substances, among other conditions

Mettao pleaded guilty to the of-

fense of assault and battery (domestic violence), a lesserincluded offense to the charge of domestic violence: assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to the plea agreement, on April 4, 2018 on Saipan, Mettao stabbed Hamo, causing him injuries.

Assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Heather M. Zona served as counsel for Mettao.

Police said Hamo was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for sustaining an inch length and a 2-inch deep puncture wound on the neck. He was later released.

Mettao was arrested at the scene.

Police said at CHC's emergency room Hamo stated that prior to the stabbing he was drinking with Mettao and their male neighbor at their house.

Hamo said Mettao and their neighbor began arguing so he separated them.

Hamo said he took their neighbor out of the kitchen and escorted him outside the house.

He said on his way back into the kitchen, Mettao stood in the middle of the doorway, so he told her to get out of his way.

Hamo said she then stabbed him with a knife once behind his head/neck area.



PROPST ON **BUDGET BILL**

'Some of my colleagues didn't even read it $^{\prime}$

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A lawmaker who voted against the fiscal year 2019 budget bill believes the members of the House of Representatives were not afforded adequate time to review the 39-page budget bill that was passed on first and final reading last Friday.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), the sole members of the House who voted against the passage of Rep. Angel A. Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-173, told Saipan Tribune that he voted against the budget bill due to the lack of time to review it in its entirety.

"...We still have to review it, we still have to look at the numbers, we still have to compare and contrast from the previous budget... These are the things that we really needed to look into," Propst said, adding that he wanted to submit an amendment to the budget bill that would have re-appropriated some of the legislators' salary and give it to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for charity care.

"I was hoping for at least one week to review [the budget bill] but to pass a fiscal year 2019 budget on first and final reading is insulting to the whole process," Propst said, adding that he believes that the Ways and Means Committee "spoon-feeds" information that the rest of the members "have to digest."

"I am in no means trying to discredit the hard work of the chairman and the committee, however, we also have a responsibility," he said, adding that there were some members who were not on the committee and had concerns on the budget appropriations, such as himself.

The fiscal year 2018 budget bill was also passed on first and final reading with two amendments.

In a separate interview, author and committee chair Demapan told Saipan Tribune that H.B. 20-173 was in compliance with the Open Government Act, or the OGA.

The OGA allows bills to be placed on the bill calendar only after 72 hours, or three days, after pre-filing of the bill.

"The budget has always been passed on first and final reading because unlike regular legislation, the budget [has] a lengthy process—budget hearings, deliberation, and pre-filing of the [budget] bill,"

explained Demapan.

"There are 16 members on the Ways and Means Committee. We have all been working on the bill and it is not a new

bill," he continued.

Demapan noted that the bill satisfied the OGA and due to the poor weather conditions last Thursday, July 5, 2018,

the members had one extra day to review the budget bill since the House session that day was rescheduled to the following day.

"All the other members that voted yes had ample time to review the bill and obviously voted yes out of their own free will and judgment. I don't

think timing was an issue here," said Demapan. "It appears that everybody else that voted yes actually took the time to review the bill."









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District Court ruling on gun control issue affirmed

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the District Court's ruling that denied the Tanapag Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association's motion to intervene to appeal in the lawsuit filed U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, who successfully challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI gun control law.

The Ninth Circuit judges concluded that the Tanapag Middle School (PTSA) lacks standing to intervene.

Therefore, the Ninth Circuit judges said, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona did not err in denying PTSA's motion to intervene.

The judges said because they conclude that the PTSA

lacks standing, they decline to address the Radiches' argument that the appeal is moot, as well as the PTSA's challenges on the merits to Manglona's summary judgment order.

The Tanapag Middle School PTSA, through counsel Joseph E. Horey, appealed to the Ninth Circuit from Manglona's order denying its motion to intervene.

The PTSA wants the Ninth Circuit to reverse the federal court's order that denied its motion to intervene into the Radich couple's lawsuit.

The PTSA also seeks an order from the Ninth Circuit to reverse the federal court's ruling that favored the Radich couple's lawsuit.

Citing that there is no longer anything to appeal, Manglona on May 27, 2016 denied PT-SA's motion to intervene.

scope of training in the CNMI

required for Guam-based Ma-

Manglona said when the Commonwealth Legislature repealed the law at the heart of the Radich couple's lawsuit, it rendered moot the case or controversy subject to judicial decision, and essentially made the scope of CNMI gun con-

"Because the provisions challenged in this lawsuit no longer exist, and the Radiches no longer have anything to enjoin, PTSA no longer has a case into which it can intervene," Manglona said.

trol a political matter.

In her March 28, 2016 ruling, Manglona declared unconstitutional the CNMI gun control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

In response, the CNMI passed Public Law 19-42, SAFE Act, which removes the ban on possession of handguns and also establishes new

rules for transporting and using firearms.

PTSA then filed a motion to intervene for purposes of appeal in the Radich couple's lawsuit.

Manglona agreed with the Radiches that certain provisions of the CNMI's Weapons Control Act violated the 2nd and 14th amendments.

The CNMI government did not appeal, but the PTSA moved to intervene to appeal and to contend on appeal that the Act was valid.

Manglona denied PTSA's motion.

PTSA then brought the case to the Ninth Circuit.

In affirming Manglona's ruling, the Ninth Circuit judges said the PTSA claims that Manglona's order striking down the Act will require the PTSA to install metal detectors in schools or hire security guards to protect against an increased danger of gun violence.

mulative impacts.

Henkin said while the Navy and Defense claim that constructing and operating training ing it does not make it so.

Marines to Guam, provide

Henkin said the mere fact that various executive agree-Japan call for the relocation of Marines from Okinawa does not affect the court's analysis of whether the Guam relocaMarine Corps training are connected actions.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the proposed CJMT program addresses theater-wide training needs in the Western Pacific and serves joint and allied training needs that extend bevond the requirements of the Guam-based Marines.

DOJ Environmental & Natural Resources Division trial attorney Joshua P. Wilson said the CJMT program holds independent significance, and is designed to accomplish a range of objectives that are separate from, but complement, the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

Wilson discussed the CJMT program as counsel for the Navy and Defense and their secretaries, who filed memorandum in opposition to the groups' motion for summary judgment.

Yet, the Ninth Circuit judges said, the PTSA, a voluntary association, has not shown that it has a legal duty to take such

protective measures or that the Manglona's order requires the PTSA "to do or refrain from doing anything."

DEMOCRATS

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change and we believe in the values of our party, we have looked to the [Babauta-Sablan] team. And we are confident in their abilities to lead the Commonwealth forward. We need leaders who can move forward. Leaders who will act with integrity," said Cabrera.

"We need leaders who will understand the value of public service, will exercise fiscal responsibility, will prioritize education at every level, will ensure the healthcare they are worthy of. Leaders who will honor the Chamorro and Refaluwasch values that served as the bedrock of our community and at the same time welcoming the contributions of those who have settled in this land and now call it home," he added.

These were the reasons why the local Democratic Party's central executive committee believes that the Babauta-Sablan ticket were among the leaders that they can believe in.

"Our very own Democratic candidate from Precinct 1 Glenn Manglona is a leader we can believe in. The independents who have teamed up with Babauta-Sablan they are leaders we can believe in. The coalition of independents who are supporting them have stepped forward and they are not waiting for some other person or other time," said Cabrera.

"If we want change [and] if we really want to move the Commonwealth forward in a different direction, we need to elect these candidates. We, the Democratic Party, stand be-

hind you. We will work hard to ensure that come November, you are elected as the next governor and lieutenant governor of the CNMI," he added.

Grateful for support

Babauta and Sablan thanked the Democratic Party's CEC for endorsing their candidacy. "From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. [This endorsement], it means a lot to us. It will surely be a great help to our campaign. We share similar vision of what is happening in the CNMI," said Babauta.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the greater population out there is longing for, and in fact very patient right now, for change. With this help, it will certainly boost our campaign and hope for a victory in November with your help," he added.

Sablan, on her part, said the endorsement is meaningful for their ticket and the other independent candidates that are now supporting them. "I'm very grateful in behalf of our candidacy for the opportunity and the endorsement of the Democratic Party. We know that it is really meaningful to the governor and I, and our independent entourage that joined us."

"But more importantly, it is really for the people and I'm glad that we were able to comeback together again and pursue this vision of change for the people of the Commonwealth. Thank you for the endorsement and look forward to all of your support along with the other independents," added Sablan, who is a former commissioner of the Public School System.

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mental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act over their decision to relocate 5,000 U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to conduct live-

training on Tinian and Pagan.

In the groups' opposition to defendants' motion for summary judgment, Henkin said without thousands of Marines stationed in Guam, there would be no reason to conduct the lion's share of the training proposed in the CJMT program.

He said while the Navy and Defense assert that, "the proposed CJMT program...has 'independent utility," they fail to back up with evidence from the record their claim the program would proceed "even were Marine forces to stay in Okinawa."

Henkin said even if the full

rines to carry out their mission were not "connected" with the Guam relocation, the Navy would still be obliged to take a hard look in its relocation environmental impact statement and supplemental

environmental impact state-

ment at the cumulative im-

pacts of that training.

He said the Navy failed to do so, providing only cursory and conclusory statements about Marine Corps training on Tinian that the Navy itself identified as cumulative projects and ignoring completely cumulative impacts on imperiled Mariana fruit bats of future Marine Corps training on Tinian and Pagan.

Henkin said the identified cumulative Marine Corps training projects on Tinian, but failed to take NEPA requisite hard look at their cu-

ranges in the CNMI that are essential for Guam-based Marines to carry out their mission "are separate and distinct from the ongoing proposed relocation of Marine Corps forces from Okinawa to Guam" and "have independent utility," say-"It was never the Navy's plan to move thousands of

them with only individualskills training in Guam and Tinian, and call it a day," he pointed out.

ments between the U.S. and tion decision and required

> Lin, through counsel Berline, filed a motion last Monday, requesting Manglona to disqualify herself from his case as Villagomez is the judge's brother.

Berline said the exhibits attached to the motion indicate that Villagomez is identified by the complaining witnesses as the "big boss" in the alleged prostitution operation at the center of this case.

Berline said multiple witcomplaining witnesses allegedly engaged in prostitution.

for disqualification.

dered the counsel to submit the evidence of the conflict in camera.

She said the counsel submitted the documents under seal, but expressly noted in the filing that Lin was not moving for disqualification because Villagomez would not be a witness.

Manglona said she reviewed the materials submitted, and issued an order stating there were no grounds for recusal.

On Dec. 9, 2013, former counsel was granted his motion to withdraw as counsel from the case. Lin's current counsel, Berline, was then appointed.

Manglona said the U.S. government initiated the revisiting of the conflict issue on May 23, 2018 because Lin filed a public sentencing memorandum referencing some of the documents previously filed under seal in 2013,

even though Lin had not filed a motion to disqualify or indicated an inclination to do so.

Manglona said during a telephonic conference between her and the parties, the U.S. government's counsel referred her to the documents submitted in 2013.

The judge said the U.S. government's counsel suggested that she articulate on the record the reasons why she did not self-recuse.

Manglona said she reviewed the documents again and concluded that there was no information suggesting that her brother was connected to any of the criminal activity in this case or that he had information material to the case.

Manglona reset the sentencing hearing to Aug. 29, 2018 at 1pm.

Manglona said the case is reassigned to U.S. District Judge David O. Carter.

MANGLONA

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a prostitution conspiracy.

In granting defendant Wei Lin's motion for disqualification, Manglona said she takes seriously any issues that would impugn the court's integrity.

Manglona said she has a separate and independent duty to ensure that she selfrecuse if warranted under the statute and has done so willingly in the past.

The judge said had this new information been presented by defendant Lin with the other documents at an earlier time. she would have willingly recused even in the absence of a motion.

The new information Manglona was referring to is when Lin openly moved for her disqualification and, for the first time, included a 2013 private

investigator's report of an interview taken of Villagomez by his investigator.

Manglona said at no time prior to this motion did Lin or his counsel indicate that her brother had been interviewed in connection with this case or, specifically, that an investigator hired by Lin had interviewed him and that he may have relevant information to this case despite having over five years to present this information to the court.

"The same attorney who argued at the first sentencing hearing in 2015 now contends that my close relative is in fact involved in this conspiracy," Manglona said.

Lin was accused of luring women from China to Saipan on false promises of jobs and then forcing them into prostitution once they got on the island.

In April 2012, Lin was charged with three counts of sex trafficking and one count of financially benefitting from a sex trafficking venture. The sex trafficking occurred between July 2010 and November 2010 at the Rosen Music Studio karaoke bar located on Saipan.

On June 8, 2012, Lin pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking

In March 2015, Manglona sentenced Lin to 235 months of imprisonment. Defendant, through then-new counsel Bruce Berline, appealed his sentence to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

In November 2016, the Ninth Circuit reversed the sentence and remanded the case to the District Court for resentencing. The resentencing has been continued numerous times. The resentencing is currently set for July 18, 2018.

nesses identify Villagomez as the owner and operator of a commercial building and a karaoke nightclub where the

In granting Lin's motion to disqualify yesterday, Manglona said prior to sentencing, Lin's prior counsel first raised the potential conflict in September 2013 but did not move

Manglona said she or-

Leilani Wolfgramm rocks Saipan

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly_bautista@saipantribune.com

Garnering the participation of over 1,800 members of the Saipan community, international singer Leilani Wolfgramm definitely rocked the island after her first of, hopefully, many concerts.

Last Saturday, Wolfgramm treated the island to a head-banging concert as she performed some of her hit songs.

Although there were some people in the crowd who were not familiar with Wolfgramm, they too were moved by her tremendous vocals and the rhythm of her music.

According to concertgoer Tasha David, she had not heard of Wolfgramm until news of her concert started blowing up social media and was not familiar with her music, but was invited by her sister to tag along since she had an extra ticket.

Although David was reluctant to go, she did and she did not regret it one bit. "I'm glad I actually came out tonight... I honestly thought I wouldn't like her and that I would be like bored, but she was awesome," she said.

When asked what her favorite part of Wolfgramm's concert was, David said it had to be Wolfgramm's enLIVE WRE TOUR

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KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Leilani Wolfgramm and her crew perform a set during her Liver Wire Tour concert last Saturday at the Marianas Business Plaza parking area.

ergy and how much she loves the islands.

"It's just her vibe, you know, and her music really relays her love for the islands. It [her music] just makes you want to lay out by the beach and enjoy the sunshine," she said.

With the success of the concert came obstacles, according to Roil Soil co-owner Shayne Villanueva. Roil Soil was the main organizer of Wolfgramm's Summer Simmer Down Jam Live wire Tour.

"The concert was a triumph for everyone involved. It was a huge challenge with the weather, venue change, and other things but we adapted and overcame the challeng-

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es...we are so thankful for everyone's cooperation and patience as well," he said.

Villanueva was ecstatic about the concert's turnout from the amount of people

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that showed up to the logistics of the concert.

"The place was packed with families, teens, and adults all ready to enjoy a smooth night of music. With over 1,800 in attendance, Leilani put on a great show," he said.

"The night was amazing

and filled with local artists. The people of Saipan are ready for a real festival and we are excited to continue to bring that to Saipan," he said.

Wolfgramm's concert also featured bands like Micro Mix, Uprooted, Mixed Plate, and Gaddhy.







PSS trains sights on tobacco prevention

The CNMI Public School System is hoping that diminishing the use of cigarette and tobacco on its campuses could help steer students away from risk behavior.

During yesterday's hearing for the PSS' fiscal year 2019 budget at the Senate, PSS associate commissioner for Instructional Services Jackie Quitugua lauded the anti-tobacco program and other programs PSS has conducted.

Aside from Towards No Tobacco, PSS has also continued with the following programs for its students—Challenge Master, The Leader in Me, Life Skills, and Project Alert.

She said just by following this plan, these series of measures are expected to manage health instructions by preventing alcohol, tobacco, and other According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior survey results, 23 percent of students in middle school and 24.7 percent in high school tried ciga-

drug exploitation on campus.

"The Youth Risk Behavior survey results have shown an alarming concern around injury-you know around suicide—and students feeling hopeless and feel[ing] not ready to come back to school. So, we are looking at those as a very serious [problem] it is like a red flag for us to pay attention to and put that as a priority. Also, actually our associate commissioners for Student and Support Services have really been doing a lot around school site conventions. Those are all the things that fall under the mental health of our students," said Quitigua.

She said risk behavior not only disturbs students, as it can negatively affect teachers and counselors mentally as well.

Quitugua added that youth programs like the school-led retreats, wellness, after-school, and youth summits can also support students.

She is also waiting on Physical Activity and Recreation

Kit for Physical Education, or SPARK, to be included in the Tobacco Control Plan, once sufficient funding is available.

Yvonne Pangelinan, PSS associate commissioner for Student and Support Services, also addressed the Senate and once again asked them for their support in the coming fiscal year.

"Much like all of you, our primary concern is for the overall wellbeing for our students. We recognize that in order to prepare our youth to be our future leaders and for them to reach their potential, we must address the academic, social-emotional, mental, and physical needs that they have. In this regard, and with the support that you have committed to them, our distinct programs aim to provide a comprehensive range of services that help to level the playing field for all our students," she said. (Fahim Uddin)



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PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, *a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.*

Meal prices for the 2018-2019 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students who do not qualify for fee school meals may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.70 at elementary schools and \$3.00 at secondary schools. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may purchase a subsidized school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$4.00 at elementary schools and \$4.50 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Child Nutrition Program Office located on Capital Hill, Saipan. Applications are also available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Child Nutrition Program office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at www.cnmipss.org/child-nutrition-program/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office.

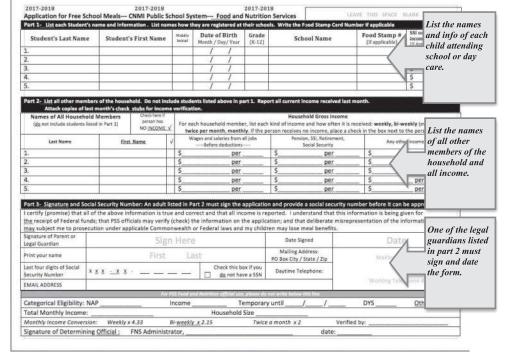
For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must also provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two-most recent check stubs for each working adult staying in the household must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the CNP Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the CNP office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.



2018-2019 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	<u>Bi-weekly</u>	Weekly
1	\$ 15,782	\$ 1,316	\$ 658	\$ 607	\$ 304
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	638
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060
Add'l member, Add	+ 5,616	+ 468	+ 234	+ 216	+ 108

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

Mobil lease extension request 'lacks public benefit'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A lease extension application for a large fuel company located within close proximity to a school on Rota reportedly lacks public benefit, pushing a committee to conduct a public hearing to procure the comments of Rota residents.

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. requested for a 15-year lease extension on Sasanhaya-Songsong, Rota through a letter to the Department of Public Lands dated June 27, 2018.

Police recover 2 stolen trucks, 1 go-cart in search at As Gonno house

Police officers arrested a man after they discovered two trucks and a go-cart—all alleged stolen—as well as several marijuana plants during a search at a house in As Gonno last week.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae said Monday night that Antonio B. Sablan Jr. is currently detained in the Department of Corrections for failing to post \$50,000 cash bail.

Rae said officers from the DPS Highway Patrol and the Criminal Investigation Bureau executed a search warrant on the house last Tuesday at 6:18pm.

Rae said during the search, two trucks, one go-cart, and several marijuana plants were discovered and seized.

Sablan was arrested without incident at 6:30pm that same day in connection with the stolen vehicles and marijuana.

The DPS spokesperson said police have already notified the victims.

A source said police are looking into possibility that Sablan was also involved in other cases of theft of vehicles, in which parts had been dismantled and eventually sold. (Ferdie de la Torre)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy 60th birthday to Carmen B. Crisostimo! God bless you. Love Ray, Shar,

Roy, Tina, Chris, Reina,

Roy Jr., Kelsey, Draven, and

Franko Ray.

DPL secretary Marianne Teregeyo, in another letter, explained that they have sought public comments from Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig back in Feb. 26, 2018. Atalig reportedly noted concerns about the facility's location, which is in close proximity to residential areas, a hotel, and the Rita I. Hocog Inos Junior Senior High School.

"Other concerns listed by Mayor Atalig was potential disaster and the absence of the lessee's sense of community in the lessee's assistance in contributing to community programs," Teregeyo wrote to Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan). She added that DPL is still reviewing Atalig's concerns.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota), in a statement Monday, pointed out that the company's request indicated little public benefit and that a public hearing should be held to seek Rota residents'

opinion on the matter.

"There have been serious safety concerns raised as the bulk plant is situated just several feet away from Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. Sr. High School, a school which accommodates hundreds of our students," she told members of the Senate in Monday's session.

"[The company's] response for public benefit on its lease extension made no mention of any public benefits or safety drill exercises or trainings for our public school system, students, parents, faculty and staff, or even neighboring residence," she said.

According to an April 17, 2018 communication from Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. director Garet Olivares, the lease agreement extension was updated to include Rota benefits, such as fuel supply for government vehicles being used by the Rota municipality with a maximum limit of \$1,000 per month; 20 safety cones for every two years for

drums every five years of fire-fighting foam for fire drill exercises and training for the Rota Fire Department; and 1 bale of absorbent booms and three bales of absorbent pads every three years—each bale consists of eight pieces of 10-foot absorbent booms and 100 pieces of

During the session, Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) concurred with Santos' statement while Sen. Francisco Borja (R-Tinian), who also chairs the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development, and Programs, promised that his committee would conduct a public hearing to give the residents of Rota a chance to comment.

"I have read also the communication from Atalig, and the community's concern is legitimate, therefore I [believe] the opinion of the people of Rota should be heard," he said.







KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Miss Marianas 2018 Celine Concepcion Cabrera, right, poses for a photo with First Lady Diann Torres following her coronation back in February.

Miss Marianas to vie for Miss International

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The CNMI's pride and joy and 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Concepcion Cabrera has officially confirmed that she will go head-to-head with 80 other international beauties for the title of Miss International.

According to an article on Missosology, Cabrera is a top contender in the 58th Annual Miss International Beauty Pageant this October. Cabrera was included in Missosology's first hot picks for Miss International 2018.

Cabrera confirmed through

an online interview that she has already started prepping for the Miss International Beauty Pageant that will be held in Tokyo, Japan on October.

"I have started preparing by doing research like watching YouTube videos on pageants especially the International pageant," she said.

"I've also been staying healthy by controlling my portions, eating my veggies, and exercising," she added.

Cabrera was ecstatic with the amount of recognition she has been able to bring to the Northern Mariana Islands in just the short span of her reign.

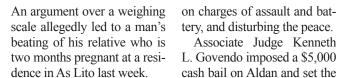
"By being named as a top candidate by Missosology, I hope to continue to bring recognition [to the Marianas] from all over the World," she said.

Through competing for the Miss International title, Cabrera hopes not just to make the Marianas proud, but also to promote its beauty in the process, which has been her initial goal since her coronation.

"I hope to promote the islands throughout this journey," she said

Cabrera was crowned Miss Marianas back in February.

Argument over weighing scale allegedly



The pregnant woman had slight swelling and bruising above her left eyebrow, police said.

Victor Hocog Aldan, 39, was arrested and taken before the Superior Court yesterday

tery, and disturbing the peace.

leads to the beating of pregnant woman

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$5,000 cash bail on Aldan and set the preliminary hearing for July 16 at 1:30pm.

According to police detective Rose T. Rios, three police officers responded to a disturbance complaint in As Lito last Thursday afternoon.

Rios stated in his report that an eyewitness reported that Aldan and another relative confronted the alleged victim about a weighing scale.

The confrontation escalated into an argument. Aldan then allegedly pushed the victim on the chest and punched her on the left eyebrow and temple area.

The victim then called the police.

Opening Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Re-announcement

JVA No. 18-004

POSITIONS

CONTRACT

Closing Date: Until Filled Trades Technician: Welder/Fabricator

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; Provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; Ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures; Operates fabrication shop machinery, machine shop machinery, specialized and heavy equipment; Performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility; Operates any equipment needed for the job to be done correctly; Observes machinery and identifies issues, defects, machine malfunctions and operational concerns; Performs inspections; Provides troubleshooting; Evaluates corrective measures or options; Recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions; Monitors inventory and supplies; Maintains required supply levels; Initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; Cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas; Reads job specifications to determine machine adjustments and material requirements; Maintains records, logs, prepares reports, orders and data; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, and other supplies; Performs reconditioning of used parts; Performs minor machine maintenance; Performs burning work such as welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Water and Wastewater Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. LOCATION SALARY

: Starting at \$20,826.00 per annum (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience, Non-Exempt)

: Not Contracted

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate or Certificate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as a Welder and /or Fabricator or related field and/or demonstrate having had 4 years of increasingly responsible experience performing welding and/or fabricating duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skilled in: Reading and deciphering blue prints; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Problem solving/analysis; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must be teamwork oriented. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-18-019 Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of

2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement &

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-019 - Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, of to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> WILLIAM GILMORE Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator

Interior gives \$1.6M in grants to American Samoa

D.C.— WASHINGTON, Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, this week announced \$1,648,080 in fiscal year 2018 grant funding for the U.S. Territory of American Samoa. This year's funding for American Samoa will support a variety of needs in the territory from developing a disaster recovery strategy for the government financial management system, updating the government employee classification and pay system, improving sites for tourism, and certifying nurses and pharmaceutical technicians. A portion of that funding, \$200,000, will support Centers for Disease Control (CDC) efforts in eradicating the mosquito-borne disease Lymphatic Filariasis from the territory.

"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke joins me in providing strong support for American Samoa through these projects," said Assistant Secretary Domenech. "All the projects serve to help the people in American Samoa either through direct services or improved government efficiencies."

Funds awarded to American Samoa for fiscal year 2018 follow:

■ Department of Treasury - \$200,200 to finalize improve-

ments and upgrade to the financial management system with specific support towards improvement of business procedures such as general ledger, accounts payable, procurement and staff development. In 2017, the American Samoa Government completed a multi-year effort to upgrade its financial management system.

- Department of Treasury \$296,000 to develop a disaster recovery plan for the financial management system, especially in light of recent natural disasters and their susceptibility to such.
- Department of Human Resources - \$60,000 to review and update the American Samoa Job Classification and Pay Plan with goal of refocusing workforce delivery of services to citizens.
- Department of Port Administration \$292,000 to update the Port Management Information System, which includes hardware upgrade, equipment, software for automation, training, and maintenance. The end goal is to have a paperless system with overall improvement in financial and operational efficiencies.
- Department of Commerce \$35,000 to install visitor site markers, information panels, directional signs and other visual features to high-

light historic places and other places of significant cultural value to enhance the visitor experience while on Tutuila.

- Department of Commerce \$55,000 to support development of Aunu'u as a premier eco-tourism destination. Funds will be used to repair the Aunu'u wharf, rehabilitate trails, construct a zip-line, and install interpretive panels.
- American Samoa Power Authority - \$160,000 will be provided to incorporate workflow automation and document imaging solutions for document capture, storage, and retrieval. The goal is to provide improved accounting and allow for better audit trail management.
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - \$200,000 towards the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis, aka "Elephantiasis", in American Samoa. Once identified as having one of the highest infection levels in the Pacific, American Samoa has recommitted with the CDC to revitalize efforts to eliminate the disease by 2024. It is expected that two rounds of mass drug administration with triple drug therapy will be needed to eliminate the disease altogether in the territory.
- Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center for Pharmaceutical and Financial

System Training - \$60,000 to conduct training for new staff members working towards certification as U.S. pharmacy technician assistants. An additional amount of \$234,080 will be used to explore best-practice metrics in financial accountability, financial management, and related IT systems. Training support will be included for those operating the hospital finance and information systems.

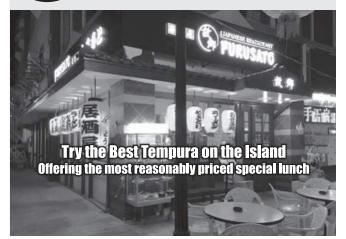
■ Lyndon B. Tropical Medical Center for the American Samoa Cancer Coalition - \$55,800 continues community-based Patient Navigation Program to improving access and guidance in cancer treatment healthcare for affected American Samoa residents. The program fills a need to coordinate proper diagnosis and treatment once a patient has received a suspicious clinical finding indicative of cancer. Patients beginning their fight against cancer in the territory are now provided proper support and guidance to seek and navigate advanced cancer treatments in the more complex and expensive healthcare systems offisland. This is the 2nd year of this program.

Funds are made available through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program. Applications are submitted from October through May 1st each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted.

The Assistant Secretary,

Insular and International Affairs, and the Office of Insular Affairs carry out the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities for the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. *(PR)*







Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement & Supply



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-024

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No, 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No, 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in $\underline{\textbf{180 calendar days}}$ from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-FB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms, Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate, Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract, Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work,

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE Acting, Executive Director MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Int'l Festival of **Cultures call for** representatives

Representatives of all cultures in The Marianas are invited to a meeting on Friday (July 13) to plan for this year's International Festival of Cultures. Festival dates and other matters will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 2pm at the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Beach Road, San Jose. For more information, contact MVA Community Projects Coordinator Demalyn Pagarao at dpagarao@mymarianas.com or 664-3219. (PR)

GRMC '3 Because of Me; Health Fair this **Saturday**

Guam Regional Medical City will hold a health fair at the Micronesia Mall center court this Saturday from 10am to 3pm in celebration of its third anniversary. The "3 Because of Me" Health Fair will give the public opportunities to interact with doctors from GRMC's Specialty Clinics and ask questions about health in an informal setting.

Visitors will be able to meet specialists from GRMC's clinics in cardiology, oncology, neuroscience, podiatry,

pulmonary, orthopedics, and diabetic wound care. Providers will be present from GRMC's neonatology and labor & delivery departments. Representatives from the rehabilitation and patient education departments will be at the fair to share the services they provide, too.

The health fair will offer free blood pressure and BMI checks and glucose testing. The event is open to the public and there will be entertainment and prizes throughout the event, culminating in a grand prize giveaway. The "3 Because of Me" Health

Fair is to celebrate the three years GRMC has been serving the people of Guam and Micronesia since opening its doors in July 2015 as a 136bed acute care hospital in Dededo. (PR)

VA direct loan program outreach on July 24

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp., in collaboration with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, will be conducting outreach services regarding VA Native American Direct Loan Program for all the CNMI veterans.

A representative from

the Department of Veterans Office will be present to answer any questions regarding the program. The outreach will be held on July 24, 2018, at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan from 8am to 11:30am.

For more information you may contact the NMHC Mortgage and Credit Division staff at (670)234-6866/9447/7670 or you may email Cherie Castanares, VA representative, at cherie.castanares@va.gov or contact her at (808)433-0483. (PR)

passports announced

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, has announced the release of Philippine passports to those who renewed their passports on May 21, 22, and 23, 2018. You can pick up your passports at Finasisu Terraces Apartment Bldg D, 2nd Floor, top of the Mini-Mart Store, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (12pm-1pm break time).

Bring old passport and receipt. For any inquiries or details, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. **(PR)**

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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), under the Office of the Governor, hereby notifies the public that a public hearing has been scheduled for the proposed amendments to the CNMI Water Quality Standards. The proposed amendments pertain to the requirement set forth in the Clean Water Act that States and Territories periodically review their Water Quality Standards, make any necessary changes, and provide for an opportunity for public comment

PUBLIC HEARING:

July 13, 2018 Date: 5:00p.m. Location: 2nd Floor BECQ Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan

The proposed amendments will be published in the June edition of the Commonwealth Register. A copy of the proposed amendments is available now for public inspection at the office of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, 1st floor of the Gualo Rai Center Building, Gualo, Saipan.

Written comments will be accepted up to thirty (30) days from the date of publication in the Commonwealth Register, and should be submitted to: Administrator, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, P.O. Box Saipan, MP, 96950 or waterqualityreport@deq.gov.mp. Emails should contain the subject line "WOS Comments"

ELI D. CABRERA Administrator

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Northern Marianas Housing Corporation



Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, and

the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, Aubry Hocog, wish to announce that the Program Year 2018 Annual Action Plan is available for the public's review and comments. The Action Plan encompasses applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) Programs in the Commonwealth. Comments may be directed to Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner, NMHC Central Office, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by fax to (670) 234-9021. Deadline for the comment period is August 10, 2018, no later

The Plan is available for public review and inspection at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and at the respective NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for CNMI holidays. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact Mr. Jacob Muna for arrangements by calling (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

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The farm bill doesn't need an amendment that helps let chickens be treated cruelly

decade ago, California passed an animal welfare ballot measure that outlawed a number of inhumane practices, most notably the penning of egg-laying hens in "battery cages" so minuscule the birds couldn't even spread their wings. The measure required California farmers to provide housing that allowed hens at least to stand, turn around and extend their limbs. Two years later, the state passed a law barring the sale of eggs from any farmer, in or out of California, if the hens' pens didn't meet those standards. Ever since, the laws have been attacked repeatedly in the courts and Congress by opponents seeking to nullify their application to out-of-state farmers.

So far, these attempts have been rebuffed by judges and lawmakers, and rightfully so. That's because the law on egg sales doesn't favor California farmers over other states' farmers. It merely subjects every egg produced for sale in the state to the same standards.

Nevertheless, 13 states are still trying to challenge the law directly in the U.S. Supreme Court; the justices have yet to say whether they will hear the lawsuit. In the meantime, U.S. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), whose district includes the most egg-laying hens in the country, is taking another shot at the egg law in Congress.

King attached an amendment to the House version of the farm bill that would prohibit any state from imposing a condition on the production or manufacture of an agricultural product sold in interstate commerce if the regulation is more stringent than federal law or standards set by other states. Dubbed the Protect Interstate Commerce Act of 2018, King's proposal is similar to a measure he persuaded the House to add to its version of the 2014 farm bill, only to be blocked by the Senate.

It's bad enough that his proposal would prevent states from insuring the humane treatment of hens and other farm animals. But because there is a vast realm of items that could be considered "agricultural products" covered by this ridiculously broad provision, it might also nullify hundreds of state laws regulating food safety, the environment, public health and labor standards.

In California, it could affect requirements on manufacturers and importers of pesticides; laws prohibiting the sale or trade of dogs, cats and horses for human consumption; and the law banning the sale and trade of shark fins, to name a few. Other farm-related state regulations that could be affected, according to an analysis by Harvard's Animal Law and Policy Program, include those on cigarettes, commercial fishing and lumber sales. State labeling laws and safety regulations on such potential hazards as arsenic in citrus and expired infant formula could be affected. The Harvard

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Estrakadan Moneda

nipus silensiu i señgsoñg siha gi todu petlas guine. Kau pinadesen familia fumuñut otdinariu na kinalamten i tautauta siha?

Klaru na megai man-mamadedese tinahuñg fuetsan monedan familia. Na ti mahatsa suetdun niha 80 pot sientu? Malag manu i para hita? Un' magof kumu padre de familia ya hagu finagcha'e nu este na sapet?

Lastima i anunsiun adelantun ekonomia. Lau malag manu ennau na adelantu? Haf` na taigue gi monedan familia? Haf` na `nos kuantos ha` na boti man-hinatsa gi halum i puettu? Kau in` sedi i pumalu na u fan mañogñug pot mantai nina` siña?

In' hatsa suetdun miyu 80 pot sientu mientras 'in tiran ñaihon siñku pot sientu na ñganan para i mayotmente ni mas tagpapa' suetdoña. Propiu ennau na disision gi mas manchatsaga?

Na ti pininu` i siñku pot sientu `nai tinatiye ni kahulu` presiun kandet yan gaselina? Siempre bai`n nanañga haf` para `in sañgan guine na asuntu. I aksion miyu ni mas dimenus yan che`chu` kabron `nai `in tiñgu` i pinadesen i mayotmente gi empleau ya in` hasñgun umupus sin konsiderasion.

Siempre tana` guaha mas areglu gi mamamaila` na Nobiembre!

Nesessidat: 'Nai mahatsa suetdon niha 80 pot sientu, dos masusede gi mismu tiempu: 1). Ume'esalau i hospitat na tinahuñg \$13 miyon pesus para operasioña. 2). Ma-upus 14-mit mas na empleau ni gumagana mas tagpapa' na suetdu ni man-matira kulan 'ansopblan halu'u.

Buente kadu` ti mahasñgun pot tineteka betsan niha. Ke lau manu `nai gaige presisu na nesessidat publiku? Na ti operasion uniku hospitat guine? Na ti pot hinemlu` publiku hinerat i asuntu? Dididi` kulan man-hasupag hamyu mina buente ti in` repara mauleg haf` gaige gi hilu` lamasa.

Guaha `nai in` akompara i difirensia gi nuebu na suetdun miyu yan i mas tagpapa` na empleau civil service? Na ti i difirensia mas ke \$30,000? Mauleg sa` hamyu umestablese suetdun manguaha yan taya? Propiu mohon na disision? Adahe na chinagu` 80 kontra siñku pot sientu!

I 14-mit na empleau yan man-ritirau ni apenas inna'e ayudu lamegai na numeru este para i mamamaila' na eleksion gi Nobiembre pa'gu na sakan. Ti komprendiyon i mañan ambenteria guine na biahe.

Petlas: Huli'e membron familia ni bumira siha hulu' para Pagan, Alamagan yan Agrihan guine gi alacha.

Huñgan taya` modetnu na fasilidat nesessidat paat konbiñiente guihe hulu`. Lau taya` lokue` parehuña i trañkilida yan kinententu gi dikiki` na soñgsoñg.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Ma-añgoghu siempre i guinahan i riku na petlas mientras sige ma-usune che'chu' hatdin yan tasi. Dispasiu na tinituhun lau asegurau

Kulan hana` mahalañg-yu` manaloglug takurin kafe gi hagas foggun guafe. Dispues mana tinatiye nina-apan hinegsa` yan mana masan totche para amotsan oga`an. Mientras tantus sige malamse machete siha para usun hatdin.

Mas i tautau man-hihot gi todu ha petsige na cho`chu` pot adelantun todu. Animu na kinalamten desde chagchag oga`an esta i lemlem tautau. Otdinariu na konbetsasion desde planu yan peskan tanu` yan tasi antes de oran deskansu.

Sine`su`: Un` tiempu mauleg na bisnis i sine`su` niyog. Maoffisiona ni hagas mañasaga entalu` Alamagan, Pagan yan Agrihan. Kada tres mesis humanau un` batku hulu` ya ha rikohe i listu para mametkau.

Esta pa'gu mamauleg ha' i metka sine'su'. Lau ai bidaña i television yan sufa. Ha luñu' hit dispues de finagpu' cho'chu' esta i sigiente oga'an. Mauleg kepbleña este na produktu.

Sesen namagof para hame i biradan i batku antes de mababan eskuela. In` nañga pa`gu i katdun ayuyu yan inasnen guihan. Man-haspog ta`lu i Babuen Lali Fo`! Adahe na katdu ayu. Ni para un` suhaye lamasa makat!

Liñguahe: Gi un' lepblu, ilegniha professot liñguahe ginen enteru Pasifiku na debi i patgon umafana'gue mañge' gi liñguahiña kumu mas asegurau na modun finana'gue.

'An ta analisa ayu na rekomendasion sustansiau ya mauleg uma-estudiaye. Unu, debi i patgon u komprende i asuntu ginen tinaitaiña. Yangin ha komprende i materiat pues libianu ha tutuhun pumega papa' gi hechuran papet haf' kinemprendeña.

Mauleg uma-emfesisa ni sisteman edukasion gi preparasion petmanente masimientu liñguahen natibu gi famaguon-ta siha. Hahassu ha` na gigon siña i patgon ha tugi` un` komplidu na

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Justice Anthony Kennedy: The man and the judge

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By TIBERIU DIANU

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

n Wednesday, June 27, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, effective July 31, giving President Trump the chance to appoint a second conservative judge in his second year of presidency.

However, unlike the president's selection of Justice Neil Gorsuch, where a conservative replaced another conservative, Justice Antonin Scalia (who died on February 13, 2016), this time a supposedly more conservative judge will replace the more moderate Kennedy.

This will shape the orientation of the Supreme Court for decades, signaling the beginning of a new era, which I would call "the golden age of conservatism," where a solid majority of conservative constitutionalist judges will have the opportunity to interpret the U.S. Constitution in the original meaning taken into account by its creators.

Justice Anthony Kennedy was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and assumed office on February 18, 1988. Although he reliably issued conservative rulings during most of his tenure, conservative pundits have described his jurisprudence as "libertarian" and he was usually considered "the

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sentensia gi liñguahiña 'nai todu propiu pues sumaga giya guiya

Pot gai fotmalidat mas asuntun mañge`. Konfotmeyu` na fitme ayu na rekomendasion i para u fan mafana`gue famaguon manmañge'. 'An esta siña hatugi' liñguahiña pues felis gi kinemprenden hila'ña mimu.

Espirituat: Malagnos un` estudiu ni kumonfitma na ayu na tautau siha i manrelihosu mas anaku` ha'anen niha. I inasuda' yan otru relihosu na man-atuñgu` homlu` gi relasion tautau fuera de tinayuyot petsonat.

Ha sedi hit mañgombetsasion 'nai talagnus i muna' mamafñot ha'ofta. 'An esta taigue estotbu mas hau kontentu yan fitme gi disposision-mu siha. Sin estotbu mauleg ha`ani-mu.

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analysis concluded that thousands of state regulations could be preempted.

King's real target, though, is the California law governing eggs from farmers outside the state. Or as he put it, Iowa should not be "held hostage to the demands of California's vegan lobby and California's regulatory agencies."

It's worth remembering that the initial California measure that banned battery cages, Proposition 2, was passed by 63.5 percent of the voters. It's unlikely they were all vegans. And California isn't alone on this issue. Currently, four states require eggs from out-of-state farmers to be produced according to the same humane standards they've imposed on eggs from their in-state

Beyond the laws, there is a nationwide consumer-supported movement in favor of more humane treatment of farm animals in general and egg-laying hens in particular. Responding to that, hospitals, university cafeterias and large-scale buyers of eggs — such as Costco, Burger King and Aramark — are shifting toward selling or using only cage-free eggs. In the U.S., Costco says it has increased its percentage of cage-free eggs sold from 2 percent in 2006 to 84 percent as of October. Burger King has pledged to go with only cage-free sources of eggs by 2025. In the U.S., Aramark has been serving only cage-free eggs since 2015; it plans to switch to cage-free sources for its liquid egg products by 2020. And Taco Bell uses only cage-free eggs.

As the demand grows for cage-free eggs, King and other advocates for big egg farmers would serve them better by encouraging them to transition to cage-free operations. Meanwhile, the House and Senate negotiators on the farm bill should get rid of this vague amendment and spare us all from a breathtaking array of unintended consequences.

swing vote" (a label that he rejected). https://en.wikipedia. (even with the spirit of the law in mind), the judge would end org/wiki/Anthony_Kennedy

Justice Kennedy sided with conservatives for imposing some restrictions on voting (for people who skip elections), unleashing campaign spending by corporations, blocking gun control measures, endorsing President Trump's power over immigration, and limiting the unions' rights to collect fees from nonmembers

On the other hand, Kennedy embraced liberal views on abortion, death penalty, and gay rights. Another criticism from conservatives was related to the fact that Kennedy was a leading proponent of the use of foreign and international law as an aid to interpreting the U.S. Constitution.

In the end, Kennedy, who is 81-year old, decided to retire during Trump's administration, possibly also as a result of the president's assurances that some of his nominees would be among the justice's former clerks. And, indeed, this was the case with Justice Gorsuch, and also with another nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, a federal appellate judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, who also clerked for Justice Kennedy at the Supreme Court.

The U.S. Senate, which is under Republican control, will confirm without any Democratic support the president's nominee before the midterm elections in November. Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, confirmed the very day Justice Kennedy announced his retirement that the Senate would vote to confirm his successor "this fall."

This event is extremely important for the American nation. As President Trump put it, shortly after meeting with Justice Kennedy, the selection of a justice of the United States Supreme Court is "outside of, obviously, war and peace... the most important thing that you could have." https://www. nytimes.com/2018/06/27/us/politics/anthony-kennedy-retiresupreme-court.html

But this event is also very important for me, for at least a couple of personal reasons.

First, as a young law school graduate of Bucharest University (in Romania), I practiced as a judge. As my father, a 40-year-tenured judge, I firmly believed in "the letter of the law" first and only then in "the spirit of the law." My father used to tell me: "Son, the worst prepared judges are the ones who think they are independent."

What he meant was this: the independence of a judge decreases exponentially with the increase of his knowledge of law and jurisprudence. By following the letter of the law

up having only a limited margin to operate. I guess I was an originalist judge since the beginning of my career.

Second, soon before my Fall 1997 LL.M. graduation (from the American University College of Law in Washington, DC), more precisely in May-June 1997, I had the opportunity to visit the Supreme Court with some of my class colleagues and professors, and also meet with Justice Anthony Kennedy personally. It was an unforgettable experience. For more than an hour, we talked with him and addressed him questions, and he told us many interesting facts about the court, and peppered his stories with several anecdotes. He was a very calm

At a certain moment, I risked a political question and asked him how he was seeing the world in general and the United States in particular, after the fall of communism. Citing from my memory, his answer was this: "The United States has remained the only sustaining pillar in the world today for a very good reason, you know." "What is the reason?" asked the audience incited. He continued: "Well, it's the only country with both power and a system" ("capitalist system," I think he meant). And then, half amused, he concluded: "China has an increasing power, but it lacks the system. And Russia, while it's getting the system, now it lacks the power." Short and to the point!

During those times I liked Justice Kennedy a lot, since he was a reliable conservative. However, 10 years after, since 2006, when Sandra Day O'Connor retired, he has been the swing vote on many of the Roberts Court's 5-4 decisions. This has made me less sympathetic of him. The truth of the matter is that, although appointed by a Republican president, Kennedy was hard to be considered an "ideologue" and he tended to take the cases individually rather than deciding them on the basis of a certain ideology. After 2006, in particular, maybe he felt more comfortable with his inner self and his judicial philosophy by sliding to the center and becoming the "swing vote" of the Court. Let alone the "decider" stardom status that all "swing vote" justices have enjoyed over time.

But no matter one's personal feelings about Justice Anthony Kennedy, his retiring will open a new era in the American judiciary and jurisprudence.

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Who and what is worthy of memory?

NINE DEAD WORTHIES, NOW WORTH ANY LESS?

According to medieval legend, the Nine Worthies, or supreme heroes of history included three Jews (Joshua, David, and Judas Maccabeus), three pagans (Hector, Alexander, Julius Caesar), and three Christians (Arthur, Charlemagne, Godfrey of Bouillon).

"Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho, Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down." Little David slew Goliath, played his harp and wore a wise crown. Judas Maccabee defeated the Maccabees, restored the temple for Jewish worship, Hannukah celebrating that is celebrated to this day. Hector was the chief warrior of Greek Troy, killed by Achilles, as King Priam's and Queen Hecuba's son he was their pride and joy. Alexander led armies and conquered the known Western world. Julius Caesar formed armies with swords and shields, spears hurled. King Arthur of Camelot organized the Knights of the Round Table. Charlemagne ruled France, Charles the Magnificent according to fable. Godfrey of Bouillon I never heard of and didn't look him up. Instead I'll have hot bouillon on a cold winter's day in a cup.

TWO MODERN WORTHIES NOW WORTH LESS OR WORTHLESS

I have done one far braver thing than all the Nine Worthies ever tried

LITERARY NOOK By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

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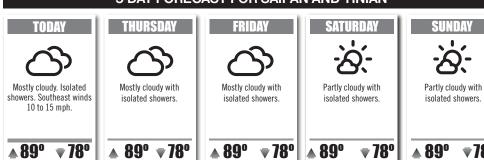
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The Weather

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An upper-level low is located to the south of Guam. This upper-low generated a few thunderstorms over the local area late Monday night and early this morning. With this upper level feature in the area an isolated thunderstorm is possible today. This upper low will move further west by tonight allowing the chance of isolated thunderstorms to end. Scatterometer imagery from Monday night showed a circulation just to the southwest of Chuuk. Models show this circulation moving towards the west then eventually northwest. While it will not directly pass across the Marianas it may increase low-level convergence over the local area. It will also cause the winds to become southeast the second half of the week. Models also hint that this area will also produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marianas the second half of the week. There is still some uncertainty to the possibility of scattered showers as some of the models depict the shower coverage as patchy. At any rate there will be clouds generated so added mostly cloudy skies to the forecast Wednesday night through Saturday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Los Angeles	Sunny	87° / 71°
Manila	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	54° / 36°
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°
New York	Mostly Sunny	85° / 70°
Osaka	Cloudy	90° / 79°
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MVA, Asiana host Japan travel agent FAM tour

In support of convenient flight connections to The Marianas from Sendai, Japan, the Marianas Visitors Authority and Asiana Airlines recently hosted travel agents from the Japanese city on a familiarization tour of The Marianas.

Representatives from seven travel agencies and Asiana were in Saipan on June 24-27, to gather information that will aid them in selling the destination to travelers. "Visitors from the Sendai

on Asiana Airlines via Incheon International Airport Seoul," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Our goal is to grow arrivals from this primary city in Japan, and giving these key travel agents an opportunity to experience The Marianas for themselves is an important part of that strategy. They had a packed itinerary while here

area in Japan have an easy

connection to The Marianas

and now have a full repertoire of accommodations and attractions—as well as a sense of our island charm—that they can use to sell The Marianas."

The group lodged at Hyatt Regency Saipan and conducted hotel inspections there and at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, Kensington Hotel Saipan, and Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Activities and attractions during the FAM tour included stand up paddling with Marianas Trekking, shopping at T Galleria and I Love Saipan, a tour of Managaha, inspection of Mariana Lounge, SeaTouch marine animal encounter, Jetovator, and a tour of scenic and historic sites in Marpi. Dining establishments visited included Surf Club, Naked Fish Bar & Grill, and Fiesta Resort's Joyful Dinner Show.

Participant tour agencies were Tour Wave, Fukushima Kotsu Kanko, Yamagata Chuo Kanko, Japan Tourist Service, Tabino

Recipe, and World Travel Center. Asiana flies to Saipan from Incheon International Airport seven times a week. (PR)



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Representatives of travel agencies and Asiana Airlines from Sendai, Japan, conduct a site inspection of Aqua Resort Club on June 26, 2018, during their FAM tour of The Marianas



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Representatives of travel agencies and Asiana Airlines from Sendai, Japan, dine at Naked Fish Bar & Grill on June 25, 2018, during their FAM tour of The Marianas.



Representatives of travel agencies and Asiana Airlines from Sendai, Japan, visit award-winning Managaha on June 26, 2018, during their FAM tour of The Marianas.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-018

ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines, Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable payment).

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor,

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs. Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after

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All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant - via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. Purchasing Administrator **16** WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Business

CITING OCEAN THREAT

Starbucks ditching plastic straws

NEW YORK (AP)—Starbucks will eliminate plastic straws from all of its locations within two years, the coffee chain announced Monday, becoming the largest food and beverage company to do so as calls for businesses and cities to cut waste grow louder.

While the straws account for a small percentage of the pollution that ends up in the ocean, they've become a flashpoint because they're seen as an easy way to reduce waste.

"There are several of these single-use items the public is realizing, hey, we don't actually need these," said Denise Hardesty, a scientist with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation who studies plastic pollution.

A week after its hometown of Seattle banned plastic drinking straws and utensils, Starbucks said Monday that by 2020, it will use straws made from biodegradable materials such as paper and specially designed lids. The company already offers alternative straws in Seattle.

Straws often become trash because their small size makes them difficult to recycle.

Other cities, like Fort Myers Beach in Florida, have banned plastic straws, and similar proNew York and San Francisco. The push to ban the straws gained traction after a viral video in 2015 showed rescuers removing a straw from a sea turtle's nose in graphic detail.

The issue of waste more broadly is coming up in company boardrooms.

In February, Dunkin' Donuts said it would eliminate polystyrene foam cups from its stores by 2020.

McDonald's said it would switch to paper straws in the United Kingdom and Ireland by next year and test alternatives to plastic straws in some U.S. locations. The burger chain also said this year it would use only recycled or other environmentally friendly materials for its soda cups, Happy Meal boxes and other packaging by 2025.

Plastic drinking straws make up only about 4 percent of plastic trash by number of pieces, and far less by weight. Straws add up to about 2,000 tons of the nearly 9 million tons of plastic waste that ends up in waters around the globe each year.

Still, the advocacy group 5 Gyres notes that the top five biggest sources of single-use plastic are plastic bags, water bottles, to-go containers, to-go cups and straws.

Several local governments posals are being considered in have enacted bans and fees on in the United Kingdom.

plastic bags. Reusable water bottles have also gained popularity as a way to reduce use of plastic water bottles, with refilling water stations popping up on college campuses and elsewhere.

One reason big chains say it will take time to change practices may be the difficulty in securing adequate supplies. Imperial Dade, a food service and janitorial supplies distributor based in New Jersey, says it's seen a huge spike in demand for alternative straws in recent months.

"Our biggest challenge is trying to locate alternative sources so we can satisfy the demand," said Laura Craven, the company's director of marketing.

Craven also said she's starting to see more awareness about the need for exemptions for straws that bend, which people with disabilities and others may need. Starbucks says it expects an alternative it has to work in that regard.

The strawless lids will begin to appear in Seattle and Vancouver Starbucks this fall, with phased rollouts within the U.S. and Canada next year. A global rollout of strawless lids will follow, beginning in Europe, where they will be used in some stores in France and the Netherlands, as well as

Nation

Trump chooses GOP favorite Kavanaugh for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON President Donald Trump chose Brett Kavanaugh, a solidly conservative, politically connected judge, for the Supreme Court, setting up a ferocious confirmation battle with Democrats as he seeks to shift the nation's highest court ever further to the right.

A favorite of the Republican legal establishment in Washington, Kavanaugh, 53, is a former law clerk for retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Like Trump's first nominee last year, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Kavanaugh would be a young addition who could help remake the court for decades to come with rulings that could restrict abortion, expand gun rights and roll back key parts of Obamacare.

"He is a brilliant jurist, with a clear and effective writing style, universally regarded as one of the finest and sharpest legal minds of our time," Trump said in his prime-time televised White House announcement Monday. He added: "There is no one in America more qualified for this position, and no one more deserving."

With Kavanaugh, Trump is replacing a swing vote on the nine-member court with a staunch conservative. Ka-



President Donald Trump greets Judge Brett Kavanaugh his Supreme Court nominee, in the East Room of the White House, Monday, July 9, 2018, in Washington.

vanaugh, who serves on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, is expected to be less receptive to abortion and gay rights than Kennedy was. He also has taken an expansive view of executive power and has favored limits on investigating the president.

Speaking at the White House, Kavanaugh pledged to preserve the Constitution and said that "a judge must be independent and must interpret the law, not make the law. A judge must interpret the Constitution as written."

A senior White House official said Trump made his final decision on the nomination Sunday evening, then

phoned Kavanaugh to inform him. The official said Trump decided on Kavanaugh because of his large body of jurisprudence cited by other courts, describing him as a judge that other judges read.

On Monday, Trump phoned retiring Justice Kennedy to inform him that his former law clerk would be nominated to fill his seat. Trump signed Kavanaugh's nomination papers Monday evening in the White House residence.

Top contenders had included federal appeals judges Raymond Kethledge, Amy Coney Barrett and Thomas Hardiman.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shocking! IHOP acknowledges it faked IHOb name change

NEW YORK (AP)—IHOP has come clean. The pancake chain has acknowledged that a name change announced last month was just a publicity stunt to promote its hamburger menu. The company best known for its breakfasts already had burgers on the menu but had started using the IHOb name on social media, its website and for in-store promotions to draw attention to a new line of burgers made of Black Angus ground beef. On Monday, it was back on social media, this time to promote a pancake deal tied to IHOP's 60th birthday. On Twitter, the company said, "That's right, IHOP! We'd never turn our back on pancakes (except for that time we faked it to promote our new burgers)."

YouTube aims to crack down on fake news, support journalism

NEW YORK (AP)—Google's YouTube says it is taking several steps to ensure the veracity of news on its service by cracking down on misinformation and supporting news organizations. The company said Monday it will make "authoritative" news sources more prominent, especially in the wake of breaking news events when misinformation can spread quickly. At such times, YouTube will begin showing users short text previews of news stories in video search results, as well as warnings that the stories can change. The goal is to counter the fake videos that can proliferate immediately after shootings, natural disasters and other ma-

jor happenings. For example, YouTube search results prominently showed videos purporting to "prove" that mass shootings like the one that killed at least 59 in Las Vegas were fake, acted out by "crisis actors." In these urgent cases, traditional video won't do, since it takes time for news outlets to produce and verify highquality clips. So YouTube aims to short-circuit the misinformation loop with text stories that can quickly provide more accurate information. Company executives announced the effort at YouTube's New York offices.

Uber poised to make investment in scooter-rental business

Uber is getting into the scooter-rental business. The ride-hailing company said Monday that it is investing in Lime, a startup based in San Mateo, California. "Our investment and partnership in Lime is another step towards our vision of becoming a one-stop shop for all your transportation needs," Rachel Holt, an Uber vice president, said in a statement. Uber will add Lime motorized scooters to the Uber mobile app, giving consumers another option for getting around cities, especially to and from public transit systems, Holt said. Financial details of the deal were not disclosed. Lime co-founders Toby Sun and Brad Bao wrote in a blog that Uber's "sizable investment" is part of a \$335 million fund-raising round led by GV, the venture-capital arm of Google parent Alphabet Inc. They said Alphabet is among several new investors. The money will help Lime expand and develop new products.

US will reunite and release over 50 immigrant children

SAN DIEGO (AP)—More than 50 immigrant children under age 5 will be reunited with their parents by Tuesday's court-ordered deadline for action by Trump administration, a government attorney said Monday. The families will be released after they are reunited.

That's only about half of the 100 or so infants and toddlers covered by the order.

At a court hearing, Justice Department lawyer Sarah Fabian acknowledged the government wouldn't meet the deadline for all the children citing a variety of reasons, including that the parents of some of the youngsters have already been deported.

Fabian said that 54 children will be joined with their parents by the end of Tuesday at locations across the country and that an additional five were undergoing final background checks.

It was the first time the government indicated whether the parents and children would be released or detained together. They will be set free in the U.S. pending the outcome of their immigration cases, which can take several vears.

Fabian didn't say why they were being released, but U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has little space to hold families.

ICE has three family detention centers with room for about 3,000 people in all, and the places are already at or near capacity. The Trump administration is trying to line up thousands more beds at military bases

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt told reporters he was "both pleased and disappointed" with the government's progress toward meeting the deadline.

"Tomorrow there will hopefully be more than 50 babies and toddlers reunited with their parents, and that is obviously an enormous victory," he said. But he said those who remain split from their parents are "in for a long process."

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw ordered both sides back in court on Tuesday to give another update and for him rule on differences over protocols to follow when reuniting children.

The two sides revealed in a filing late Monday that they are far apart on protocols for reunification, with the government arguing its practices are necessary under federal law to ensure child safety and the ACLU contending that many are too cumbersome under the circumstances. One area of disagreement is DNA testing on parents and children, with the government saying it should be the general rule and the ACLU saying it should be done only when no other evidence is available to prove parentage.

Other areas of disagreement include whether fingerprint checks should be run on other adult members of the household and parent participation a legal orientation program should be required before release.

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Asia

Japan flood dead rises to 134

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)— Rescuers were combing through mudcovered hillsides and along riverbanks Tuesday searching for dozens of people missing after heavy rains unleashed flooding and mudslides in southwestern Japan, where the death toll has exceeded 130.

More than 50 people were unaccounted for as of Tuesday morning, many in the hardest-hit Hiroshima area.

Work under the scorching sun was hampered by mud and heat, and shipments of relief goods were delayed by damaged roads and transportation systems, especially in areas isolated by the disaster.

"No water, food, nothing gets here," Ichiro Tanabe, a 73-year-old Kure resident, told the Mainichi newspaper. "We are going to be all dried up if we continue to be isolated."

The landslides and flooding across much of western Japan have killed at least 134 people, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference. Another seven were presumed dead.

Some of the thousands of residents who had been evacuated, some rescued from their rooftops, began cleaning up after the rain stopped Monday.

Suga said the government set up a taskforce and was



spending 2 billion yen (\$18 million) to hasten deliveries of supplies and other support for evacuation centers and residents in the region.

Earlier Tuesday, the Self-Defense Force ferried seven oil trucks from Hiroshima to Kure, a major industrial city whose 226,000 residents were cut off from the rest of the prefecture due to the disaster.

Thousands of homes were still without clean water and electricity in Hiroshima and other hard-hit areas. Residents lined up for water under the scorching sun as temperatures rose to 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit), raising risks of heat stroke.

Residents sheltering at a local elementary school in Hiroshima's Yano district were provided with water, blankets and cellphone chargers. Some shared stories of narrow escapes.

Saburo Yokoyama, 82, said he was horrified when he saw floodwater flowing just outside his house. "It was scary, just scary. The front of our house became a river, and was making a huge noise," he said.

Ryutaro Hirakawa, 18, said he fled his house after smelling a strange odor coming from the ground, a sign of a landslide. "The smell of soil and grass was so strong when I opened the window," he said. "There were landslides."

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe canceled a planned July 11-18 trip to Europe and the Middle East to oversee the emergency response. The government mobilized 75,000 troops and emergency workers and nearly 80 helicopters for the search and rescue effort, Suga said.

Assessment of the casualties was slowed by the scale of the area affected. Officials in Ehime prefecture asked the government to review its weather warning system, noting that rain warnings were issued after damage and casualties already had occurred. The Japan Meteorological Agency said as much as 10 centimeters (3 inches) of rain per hour fell on large parts of southwestern Japan.

3rd mission underway at That cave

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP)—Divers have begun the third phase of the rescue of a youth soccer team trapped more than two weeks in a flooded cave in northern Thailand and aim to bring out the last four boys and their coach Tuesday, the top rescue official said.

The eight boys brought out by divers over the previous two days are in "high spirits" and have strong immune systems because they are soccer players, a senior health official said. Doctors were being cautious because of the infection risk and were isolating the boys in the hospital.

Chiang Rai Gov.Narongsak Osatanakorn said Tuesday's rescue operation began at 10.08 a.m. and involves 19 divers. A medic and three Thai Navy SEALs who have stayed with the boys on a small, dry shelf deep in the flooded cave will also come out, he said.

"We expect that if there is no unusual condition ... the 4 boys, 1 coach, the doctor, and 3 SEALs who have been with the boys since the first day will will come out today," he told a press conference to loud cheering.

Nargonsak said this phase may take longer than the previous two rescue missions, which both lasted several hours.

At a news conference, Jedsada Chokdumrongsuk, permanent secretary at the Public Health Ministry, said the first four boys rescued, aged 12 to 16, are now able to eat normal food. Two of them possibly have a lung infection but all eight are generally "healthy and smiling," he said.

"The kids are footballers so they have high immune systems," Jesada said. "Everyone is in high spirits and are happy to get out. But we will have a psychiatrist to evaluate them."

It could be at least seven days before they can be released from hospital, Jesada told a news conference.

Family members have seen at least some of the boys from

behind a glass isolation barrier, and Jesada said doctors may let the boys walk around their beds Tuesday.

It was clear doctors were taking a cautious approach. Jesada said they were uncertain what type of infections the boys could face "because we have never experienced this kind of issue from a deep cave."

The second group of four rescued on Monday are aged 12 to 14. Four boys and their 25-year-old soccer coach remain deep in the cave, an ordeal that has lasted more than two weeks after they were trapped inside by floods.

Four ambulances and a convoy of other vehicles arrived at the cave site Tuesday morning as rains hit the region.

Monday's rescue effort took about nine hours, two fewer than the day before, in a sign of growing confidence and expertise. Each of the rescued boys has been guided through the dark winding cave by a pair of divers.

World

EVEN AS ARRIVALS DROP

US, Europe clamp down on migration

ROME (AP)—As NATO allies convene, one issue not on their formal agenda but never far from their thoughts is immigration—even though illegal border crossings are decreasing on both sides of the Atlantic.

The separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border and Italy's refusal to let ship-wrecked migrants disembark in its ports illustrate the hardening positions on border control in Washington and European capitals.

Lost in the heated political debate is the fact that migrant arrivals in Europe across the Mediterranean from Africa and Turkey are at their lowest level in five years, while arrests on the U.S.-Mexico border—an imperfect but widely used gauge of illegal crossings—are far below levels seen two decades ago.

"The numbers don't support the hysteria," said Joel Millman, a spokesman for the Geneva, Switzerland-based International Organization for Migration. "Politicians know what moves voters, and this is extremely effective in moving voters."

In both the U.S. and Europe, immigration is increasingly a key political fault line. One side accuses those cracking down on illegal immigration of scapegoating immigrants for problems such as crime and unemployment, even when

the correlation is weak. The other side says politicians are simply recognizing voters' concerns about national identity and poor integration that have long been ignored.

In Europe, the liberal immigration policies that many governments implemented until recently never had widespread popular support, said Ivar Arpi, a conservative editorial writer at Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet. But because Europeans cared more about other issues, such as the economy or education, there was no serious backlash.

That changed in 2015, when 1 million people—most of them from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan—crossed into Europe from Turkey and used the lack of border controls in the European Union to roam freely from the Balkans into Austria and onward to Germany and Scandinavia. That surge and the pressures it put on the destination countries pushed migration to the top of Europe's political agenda, where it has remained since.

"2015 fundamentally changed Europe. But it is hard to know how big a change is when you still are in the middle of it," Arpi said. "Nationalism or globalism, this is the new divide between people. It trumps left-right."

Immigration is a major theme ahead of Sweden's

elections in September, just as it has been in a series of European votes in the past two years, including Britain's referendum on leaving the EU. Far-right and antimigrant parties have made gains in Austria, France and Germany, while Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban, known for his tough stance on migrants, easily won reelection in April.

Just weeks after taking office in Italy's coalition government, the League—a party vowing to put "Italians first"—has forced other EU nations to grapple with the issue of sea arrivals, which have placed a disproportionate burden on Mediterranean countries in dealing with those seeking a new life in Europe. Things came to a head when League leader Matteo Salvini, Italy's interior minister and deputy prime minister, closed Italian ports to private ships picking up migrants sailing from North Africa in flimsy boats, saying those volunteer rescuers act as de facto "taxi services" for human smuggling networks. As a result, two rescue vessels have had to carry rescued migrants on a much longer journey to Spain, and another spent days in limbo off Malta until European countries agreed to share the responsibility for the more than 200 people on board.

UN: 1 in 4 children live in country of conflict or disaster

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—A quarter of the world's children—about 535 million—are living in a country affected by conflict or disaster, the head of the U.N. children's agency said Monday.

Henrietta Fore told a Security Council meeting on children and armed conflict that it is "almost beyond comprehension" that one of every four young people are caught in that situation.

She pointed to children and young people whose lives are being shattered by conflicts, including in Yemen, Mali and South Sudan. She also cited youngsters recruited to fight, killed by a land mine or an attack on their school, and "losing hope not only in their futures, but in the futures of their countries."

Sweden, which holds the Security Council presidency this month, organized the open meeting on the theme "Protecting Children Today Prevents Conflict Tomorrow" and sponsored a resolution unanimously adopted by the 15 members to strengthen U.N. actions to ensure the care and safety of youngsters.

"We are not doing nearly enough to protect our children," Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, who presided at the meeting, said, stressing that "350 million children are affected by armed conflict today."

The resolution states for the first time that children recruited or caught up in armed conflict should be treated primarily as victims, he said.

It urges all countries "to consider non-judicial measures as alternatives to prosecution and detention that focus on the rehabilitation and reintegration for children formerly associated with armed forces and armed groups."

Lofven said the resolution also for the first time makes the point that the needs and vulnerabilities of girls and boys are different and stresses that access for all youngsters to education and physical and mental health care is essential.

It also sets out a framework to reintegrate children associated with armed groups or armed forces into society, which "places children as part of the solution, not part of the problem," he said.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the council that "more than 60 percent of people in conflict-affected countries are under the age of 25." In countries like Afghanistan, an entire generation has never lived in peace, she said.

She stressed the importance of education as "a way to recover from conflict and prevent it in the future," warning that children who grow up uneducated, unskilled and resentful "will be prime targets for recruitment by extremists and armed groups."

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Focus

Silent pain: Rohingya rape survivors' babies quietly emerge

By KRISTEN GELINEAU ASSOCIATED PRESS

UKHIYA, Bangladesh (AP)— Tucked away in the shadows of her family's bamboo shelter, the girl hid from the world.

She was 13, and she was petrified. Two months earlier, soldiers had broken into her home back in Myanmar and raped her, an attack that drove her and her terrified family over the border to Bangladesh. Ever since, she had waited for her period to arrive. Gradually, she came to realize that it would not.

For the girl, a Rohingya Muslim who agreed to be identified by her first initial, A, the pregnancy was a prison she was desperate to escape. The rape itself had destroyed her innocence. But carrying the baby of a Buddhist soldier could destroy her life.

More than 10 months have passed since Myanmar's security forces launched a sweeping campaign of rape and other brutalities against the Rohingya, and the babies conceived during those assaults have been born. For many of their mothers, the births have been tinged with fear—not only because the infants are reminders of the horrors they survived, but because their community often views rape as shameful, and bearing a baby conceived by Buddhists as sacrilege.

Theirs is a misery spoken of only in murmurs. Some ended their pregnancies early by taking cheap abortion pills available throughout the camps. Others gave birth to unloved babies; some agonized over whether to give them away. One woman was so worried about her neighbors discovering her pregnancy that she suffered silently through labor in her shelter, stuffing a scarf in her mouth to swallow her screams.

In Bangladesh's overcrowded refugee camps where shelter walls are made of holepocked plastic and sounds travel easily across the treestripped hills, A knew that hiding her pregnancy would be difficult and hiding a wailing newborn impossible.

She worried that giving birth to this child would leave her so tainted that no man would ever want her as his wife. In a panic, she told her mother, who swiftly took her to a clinic for an abortion. But A was so frightened by the doctor's description of possible side effects that she thought she would die.

And so she retreated to

her shelter, where she tried to flatten her growing belly by wrapping it in tight layers of scarves. She hid there for months, emerging only to use the latrine a few meters away.

There was nothing to do but wait with dread for the baby who symbolized the pain of an entire people to arrive.

For the women who became pregnant during last year's wave of attacks in Myanmar's Rakhine state, to speak the truth is to risk losing everything. Because of that, no one knows how many rape survivors have given birth. But given the vastness of the sexual violence, relief groups had braced for the worst: a spike in deliveries from traumatized women, and scores of babies left abandoned in the camps that are home to around 900,000 Rohingya refugees.

By June, though, the birth rate in medical clinics had remained relatively steady, and only a handful of babies have been found left behind. Aid workers began to suspect that many women had quietly dealt with their pregnancies themselves.

"They will not come forward for antenatal checkups—they will try to hide their pregnancy," says Medecins Sans Frontieres midwife Daniela Cassio, a sexual violence specialist. "I'm sure many have also died during the pregnancy or during the delivery."

Yet sprinkled throughout the sprawling camps, you will find women who have grown weary of the silence. Ten such women and girls agreed to interviews with The Associated Press. They consented to be identified in this story by their first initials only, citing fear of retaliation from Myanmar's military.

The monsoon rains thundering down on the roof of A's shelter threaten to drown out her words. Her voice still has a childlike softness, and when she speaks of the soldiers who raped her, it fades to a whisper.

Already, several men who had shown interest in marrying her have walked away when they've learned about the attack. Her parents worry no man will ever want her. And yet, with their blessing, she leans in close to share her story.

"I want justice," she says, anxiously turning a plastic cup over and over in her hands. "That's why I'm talking to you."

To understand the fear that drove some of these women underground, enter the stifling shelter where M lives.

She sits on a mat, sweating and scratching at the angry



"A," a 13-year old Rohingya Muslim girl adjusts her headscarf in her family's shelter in Jamtoli refugee camp in Bangladesh.

scar on her breast left by the soldier who bit her. The baby who was the product of that attack wails in his 8-year-old sister's arms. The little girl tries to hand the infant off to her mother, but M dismisses them both with a wave of her hand.

"I don't want to carry him anymore," M says. "I don't love him." And so the girl gently places the screaming infant into a hammock crafted out of a rice sack and twine.

M's husband is not home to help. He rarely is, she says. Ever since she told him of her rape and pregnancy, he has wanted little to do with her.

Her nightmare began the way it did for so many Rohingya women: With scores of soldiers swarming her village in August, shortly after Rohingya insurgents attacked several police posts. The details of her assault follow a pattern documented last year in an investigation by the AP. That investigation, based on interviews with 29 rape survivors, an examination of medical records and testimony from doctors, concluded the rapes of Rohingya women were sweeping and methodical.

From inside her house, M heard a rattle of gunfire and a chorus of screams. She looked outside and saw soldiers setting fire to homes. Her two daughters fled, but by the time M made it out the door with her 2-year-old son, six soldiers were waiting. One snatched the wailing boy from her arms, strangled him, and threw his lifeless body to the ground.

The soldiers forced her back into the house. When she saw them undoing their pants, she pressed her hands over her eyes. They stomped on her stomach and feet, and one after another they raped her. She felt like she was dying.

Two days passed before her husband found her and carried

her to the mountains, and then across the border to Bangladesh. He asked her if the soldiers had raped her. Too ashamed to tell him the truth, she said they had only beaten her.

After two months, her period still hadn't arrived. She felt dizzy and nauseous, and craved sour foods like tamarind, just as she had with her other pregnancies.

Terrified of how her husband would react, she said nothing. Another two months passed and she began to feel movements deep inside her. She knew she couldn't hide the pregnancy much longer.

One night, she was too sick to make him rice for dinner. "What's wrong with you?" he asked.

The truth spilled out: "I was raped by six soldiers. And I'm pregnant."

Her husband offered no comfort, only blame. He demanded to know why she hadn't run away from the soldiers. He told her he could never have sex with her again. And then he asked if he could marry another woman.

"You are useless to me," he said.

M pleaded with him not to leave her, told him she needed help with their girls. And so he stayed, though he treated her like she was invisible. At night, she curled up in the corner of their shelter with her daughters; he slept along an adjacent wall.

With her other pregnancies, she excitedly counted the days until delivery. With this baby, she paid no attention to her due date. She felt detached from the life growing inside her.

Her contractions began late one night. She labored quietly for hours, until her screams awakened her husband. She told him to find a local birthing assistant to help her. He did, and then left. When the infant finally arrived, he looked nothing like her other children. In his eyes, she saw her rapists. To look at him was to relive her attack, over and over again.

Her husband returned hours after the birth. He said nothing to her, and ignored the baby. He wouldn't help her clean up the mat she'd given birth on, and she was in too much pain to clean it herself. She lay on it for days, until one of her daughters came to her aid.

The baby's cries just made her angry. She found herself crying all the time, too.

Before the rape, her husband was loving and kind. Now, he leaves their shelter early in the morning and doesn't return until midnight. He is often irritable and impatient with her. He has never kissed the boy, or cuddled him.

She didn't bother to name the child until a community leader told her to. She chose the first name that popped into her mind. It means nothing to her, she says. And neither does the boy.

She doesn't want to give him to a foster family. Her only other son was killed in the attack. So she takes care of this new boy in the hopes that one day, he will take care of her.

For now, she pretends to love him. After all, she says, he is just a baby. This is not his fault.

Nor is it hers, though she still berates herself for the rape. She questions her decision not to run from the house sooner, though running faster probably would not have saved her.

She spends much of her days lying on a mat, praying for Allah to end her life.

"I don't have any money to buy anything. I am always depressed. My husband doesn't love me. I want to die as soon as possible," she says, weeping.

"My life is meaningless." For some rape survivors,

the idea of giving birth to a child conceived by someone other than a Muslim felt like a fate worse than death. So they turned to clinics and makeshift pharmacies set up in the camps for abortion drugs they hoped could end their agony.

The pain of D's rape was so severe that she had to wrap a supportive scarf around her battered pelvis to endure the dayslong walk to Bangladesh. Yet through it all, she survived. When she discovered she was pregnant, she wished she had not.

She was a widow, and to give birth to a child without a husband was to invite admonishment. She quickly sought out a pharmacy to find the drugs that would induce an abortion.

As she swallowed the first tablet, she cried and prayed to Allah. But nothing happened. So she bought more medicine, taking pill after pill until, at last, her stomach twisted with intense cramps and heavy blood began to flow. Her relief was instant.

"I felt that I had found a new world," she says. "I would have taken poison if I had to give birth to that baby because it is a big shame for me. People would criticize me."

Others, though, found surprising support. So certain was T that her husband would divorce her, that she waited a month to tell him about her pregnancy. Her heart hammered the day she revealed the truth. When she did, her husband began to cry, and so did she.

"It's not your fault," he reassured her. "Maybe it was your fate that this happened to you. You didn't want this."

She had no idea she could go to a hospital for an abortion. But one day, she met an aid worker who was walking through the camps looking for pregnant women in distress. The aid worker provided her with abortion drugs. T took the pills, then visited a religious leader who performed a ceremony that he said would remove the baby. When she began to bleed, she felt as if a dirtiness inside her had been washed clean.

Slowly, a few women have forgiven themselves, though there was never anything to forgive. H, who also had an abortion, was once so ashamed of her pregnancy that she told no one. Now, though, she has begun to share her story with others, and has focused her fury on the men who brutalized her. She did nothing to invite

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Good Housekeeping

Funky Pink begonia exotically unique for baskets, mixed containers



Funky Pink begonia is an interspecific cross between Begonia boliviensis and B. tuberosa.

vou might be familiar with, it

has double flowers which are male and single petaled which

are female. I love both, they

simply make the plant more

exciting. I have mine partnered not only with the Heav-

enly Blue Surfinia petunia but

also Goldilocks lysimachia

which by most standards both

racehorses providing a lot of

competition in the baskets.

So far Funky Pink has held its

own nicely and is now starting

to hang off both the front and

The exotic look of flowers

can take your breath away, but

they also have attractive foliage.

The leaves are on long, arching

stems and are deeply serrated

with leaf petioles having a hot

pink hue. To me, the plants look

lush and tropical and perfect for

Even though mine are per-

fect I still think the beginner

might find morning sun and

afternoon shade giving the

best performance. The habit

of this plant screams for it to

be in a basket, window box

or mixed container. Assuming

that this is what you have in

mind select a container large

enough to let the plant achieve

its full potential. Choose a

good lightweight potting mix.

the porch patio or deck.

the rear of the planters.

By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

All right begonia lovers there is a new kid on the block with the crazy name Funky Pink and it will make a wonderful addition to mixed baskets and planters. I am growing it with Heavenly Blue Surfinia in rectangular baskets hanging from a deck and it is everything I had hoped it would be.

Funky Pink was hybridized by Benary Seed which to be honest have kind of become the begonia gurus in the gardening world. It was quickly picked up by Proven Winners where you most likely see your label when you buy yours. It is an interspecific cross between the begonia boliviensis which we all love and the begonia tuberosa which we all desperately want to grow.

This cross looks to be magic, it's vigorous and beautiful and mine has been garnering attention from ruby-throated hummingbirds. It is touted as heat tolerant and sun tolerant and though I don't have mine in full sun it does get some afternoon cooking which had worried me. The double flowers are drop dead gorgeous.

Like other begonias some of

raised beds with rich organic matter that really resembles potting soil. The look was good but I still like those situations where the stems can cascade downward. This gives the most picturesque look.

Though I have not grown this through a winter yet I am expecting that if drainage is perfect there is a chance they will return from dormancy in

I've seen photos of them in the spring in zones 7-10. If trolled-release granules. not, they were still worth every penny spent.

> Keep the soil moist but definitely not saturated. They have the ability to perform for months during the summer so you'll want to feed them to keep them growing. I am using a dilute water soluble 20-20-20 every other week. In containers, you can also feed as recommended with con-

The Funky Pink begonia has the ability to be stand alone in a monoculture basket or container and look dazzling. I have also grown similar begonias in mixed containers with scaevola, SunPatiens, and Japanese sweet flag.

This summer when you see Funky Pink begonias for sale don't let the strange name throw you. This is a fun be-

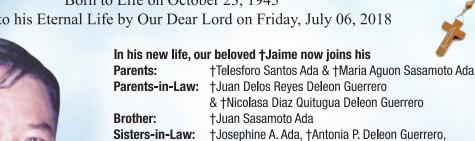
gonia to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers, good performance and regular hummingbird visits.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @Norman-WinterTheGardenGuy.

IN GOD'S CARE

aime Aguon Sasamoto

Born to Life on October 23, 1945 Called to his Eternal Life by Our Dear Lord on Friday, July 06, 2018



†Juan Q. Deleon Guerrero, †Luis T. Castro, †Jesus Q. Deleon **Brothers-in-law:** Guerrero, †Herman Q. Deleon Guerrero, and †Jose H. Naputi

Jaime's kind & gentle spirit will forever live in the hearts of his Wife: Maria Deleon Guerrero Sasamoto

> **Kevin & Helen H. Deleon Guerrero** (Nicole & Dennis Reyes (Daviann), Kaylynn & Darren Pua (Mychel), Kevin Glenn, Jr. and Keene Gavin)

Gerald & Dora I. Deleon Guerrero (Desirae Dionne, Gerald Jr. and Eloy Thomas)

†Margarita DLG. Castro, and †Ines R. Deleon Guerrero

Jermayne DLG. Sasamoto & Gerard Borja (Nikacia S. Camacho and Casandra C. Borja)

James DLG. Sasamoto & Shelley A. Benavente (Zachary Jaime & Kaecia DLC. Reyes, James Gregory, Kianna

Mariah, and Tyler John)

Brothers & Sisters:

Children:

Lourdes Ada & Family Rosa A./Mariano M. Camacho & Family Candido S./Somjai S. Ada & Family Hinara A. Naputi & Family Gregorio S./Ngetuai I. Ada & Family

Brothers & Sisters-in-law:

Jose Q. Deleon Guerrero & Family Lucia A. Deleon Guerrero & Family Juanita C. Deleon Guerrero & Family Pedro Q./Buhay F. Deleon Guerrero & Family Teresita B./Leo Purtudo & Family Francisco Q./Barbara P. Deleon Guerrero & Family

†Jaime is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews,

Masses are offered daily at 6:00AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. On Saturday, July 14, the remains of our beloved +Jaime will be escorted from the CHC Morgue to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30AM, followed by Responso, Recitation of the Rosary, and Viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00AM followed by his interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where we will bid him farewell and peaceful rest. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulo' na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay & Thank You! **Maria DLG. Sasamoto & Family**



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their violence, she says. So why should she feel ashamed?

In Myanmar, where the Rohingya people have few rights and Rohingya women even less, she had no voice. Here, she says, she feels she can finally speak.

"I don't want to hide anymore," she says.

The moment that A had long feared arrived one day in May. After months of isolation, her contractions had finally begun.

She was still a child herself, overwhelmed with uncertainty over what to expect. And she cringed at the thought of what

others would say.

For hours, she labored on the floor of her shelter, her mother and grandmother by her side, until at last, she pushed out a baby girl.

She looked down at the infant and began to shake. She felt like she was going into shock.

The baby was fat and strong, with a round face and small eyes. As A gazed at her child, she saw beauty. But she also saw pain.

She knew she could not keep the girl.

Her father hurried to a clinic run by a relief group and asked them to take the baby away. An hour after A gave birth, an aid worker arrived to retrieve the infant.

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Life & Style

Weinstein lawyer says emails, witnesses show he's innocent

(AP)—Moving beyond rote denials, Harvey Weinstein is playing a leading role in shaping what his lawyer said Monday will be an aggressive defense to sexual assault charges that could put him in prison for the rest of his life.

Lawyer Ben Brafman said the movie mogul-turned-#MeToo villain is essentially working as his paralegal and that they're stacking up "overwhelming evidence" from email traffic and witness accounts to refute allegations that, so far, have led to criminal charges involving three of the dozens of women who've accused Weinstein of wrongdoing.

"I can tell you that we are no longer simply relying on Mr. Weinstein's denials," Brafman said outside a New York

City courthouse after Weinstein pleaded not guilty to new charges alleging he performed a forcible sex act on a woman in 2006.

"We have corroborative evidence in the form of witnesses, we have corroborative evidence, overwhelming evidence, in the form of email traffic. And the suggestion that Mr. Weinstein raped anyone, just based on what I've seen, just based on the evidence I've seen, is just a preposterous allegation," Brafman said. "So far, everything he has told us to look for we have found. And his denials are in my judgment being confirmed everyday by a lot of evidence we are finding that is independent of Mr. Weinstein."

A judge released Weinstein on the same \$1 million bail he posted at his first arraignment involving two other accusers and was allowed to return to his Westport, Connecticut home. He's due back in court on Sept. 20.

Brafman said he expects more criminal charges to be filed later, but didn't elaborate.

Weinstein previously forfeited his passport Weinstein and is fitted with an electronic monitoring bracelet. He's also been ordered to stay away from the three women.

Prosecutors, saying the new charges were "significantly more serious," had sought to have Weinstein forced to move to Manhattan and placed on house arrest.

"We fight these battles one day at a time, and today we won this round," Brafman said afterward.

Weinstein, 66, hobbled into the courtroom with his hands cuffed behind his back. He was uncuffed for the proceeding and didn't say much other



than entering his plea. He left court a few

minutes later, trailed by a bulky body-Weinstein guard. suddenly turned back in a panic about the whereabouts of his wallet. Brafman later said he'd found it.

Weinstein's new charges include two counts of predatory sexual assault, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison upon conviction. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said they are "some of the most serious sexual offenses" that exist under state law.

Attorney Gloria Allred, who is representing the woman whose allegations led to the new charges, said her client will testify if the case goes to trial. She said she doubted Weinstein would do the same.

"Are you really willing to

have your client face the jury?" Allred said outside the courthouse. "I doubt that you will take that risk, Mr. Brafman."

Allred and prosecutors wouldn't name the woman.

Brafman identified her in court as a former film production assistant who went public last October with allegations that Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on her in 2006 at his Manhattan apartment.

The Associated Press generally does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they consent to being identified publicly. Allred said her client is "not going to be giving any interviews and she'd like to maintain her privacy."

More than 75 women have accused Weinstein of wrongdoing as allegations detailed in Pulitzer Prize-winning stories last October in The New York Times and The New

Yorker magazine swelled into the #MeToo movement.

Only three complaints have led to criminal charges so far. In addition to the assault claim that brought him to court Monday, Weinstein is accused of raping an unidentified woman in a hotel room in 2013 and forcing a former actress, Lucia Evans, to perform oral sex at his office in 2004. Evans was one of the first women to accuse Weinstein publicly last fall.

Weinstein, who produced movies including "Pulp Fiction" and "Shakespeare in Love," has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex, with Brafman challenging the credibility of his accusers and the reporting that led to his downfall.

'If we allow Pulitzer-driven reporters to decide this case, then it could be hopeless," Brafman said. "God help all of us if that's how the criminal justice system is allowed to work."

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—A life-size bronze statue of a redhaired, freckled Archie will soon greet visitors at a New Hampshire town in honor of

the local man who drew the comic book character and his group of wholesome teenage friends. Bob Montana illustrated

Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead from 1942 until his death in 1975 at age 54. He lived in Meredith, New Hampshire, for 35 years until he died from a heart attack while cross-country skiing.

"It is a privilege to be able to draw attention to one of our community members who did so much and did it so quietly and so well," said Monica Philbin, executive director of the Greater Meredith Program.

The Greater Meredith Program, a community development nonprofit, raised nearly \$57,000 for the project in less than six months mostly from residents. Architect Chris Williams originally suggested the idea to honor the former Meredith resident with an Archie statue. Williams said no other sculpture of the character exists anywhere.

The one-of-a-kind statue will be commemorated Aug. 9 in Meredith's Community Park to coincide with the town's 250th anniversary.

Montana brought the Archie Andrews character to life when he drew the first "Archie" comic strip while renting a cottage on Lake Waukewan in 1942. He was joined by other illustrators over the years, including Tom Moore,

'Archie' artist honored with statue by his hometown



In this April 19, 2017 photo provided by Morgan Karanasios, sculptor Valery Mahuchy works on a clay model for his bronze statue of the comic book character "Archie" at his studio in Bethlehem, N.H. Bob Montana, who was the first to draw original depictions of the "Archie" characters, lived in Meredith, N.H. for 35 years until his death in 1975.

who also chronicled Archie's escapades from 1953 until he retired in the 1980s.

The comic strip was distributed in newspapers nationwide a few years later. Its popularity led the company that originally published the comic books, MLJ Comics, to change their name to Archie Comic Publications in 1946.

Over the years, the comic sold billions of copies worldwide and inspired several television shows including "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" and "Riverdale."

In a book about Montana's life, author Carol Lee Anderson noted that he placed Archie at various New Hampshire landmarks, including Lake Winnipesaukee, and even modeled characters after people in the Lakes Region town. Archie's gang of friends were said to be inspired by the cartoonist's high school classmates in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Montana used drawings of his characters for community fundraisers, including an effort to save a mill

building in Laconia.

"My father was very proud to be able to earn his living by bringing a smile to people's faces," said his daughter Lynn Montana, who lives in Meredith. "He wanted to empower Archie as a force of good that was bigger than the comic strip."

Despite his fame, Lynn said

her father was a humble and private man, partially why he raised his family in "peaceful" Meredith.

"In his eyes, Archie was famous, but he was not," Lynn said.

Montana's impact in Meredith went beyond the comic strip. He had a vision of turning Meredith into an art colony, his daughter said, at one point converting a gas station into an art studio and frame shop. He introduced several artists to the small town and created a local theater group.

Montana once united the community to change zoning laws, which prevented commercial development from being built along the waterfront in Meredith. He also successfully fought to have the town's parking meters removed, according to his daughter.

"He was a lot more than just a cartoonist, he was a wonderful friend, neighbor and leader in our community," said the project's chairman, Jim Mc-Farlin, adding that there are still people in Meredith who remember the days when Montana would take children out for rides in his 1923 Model T Ford, the same car Archie drove in early comics.

The beaming statue will sit on a bench and look toward his workshop, now vacant, where Montana spent his days quietly drawing cartoons. The Belarusian artist commissioned to do the sculpture, Valery Mahuchy, said he wants to bring people together and offer unity with the statue.

Crewmember says Johnny Depp punched him on LA film set

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A film crew member says in a lawsuit that Johnny Depp twice punched him on the Los Angeles set of a movie about the killing of the Notorious B.I.G., and that he was fired from the production when he refused to promise not to sue over the incident.

Location manager "Rocky" Brooks is also suing the film's director and producers for unspecified damages in the lawsuit filed Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

In the movie, "City of Lies," set for U.S. release Sept. 7, the 55-year-old Depp plays a Los Angeles police detective who for years investigated the still-unsolved 1997 death of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., also known as Biggie Smalls, whose real name is Christopher Wallace.



William, Kate's third child Prince Louis christened

LONDON (AP)—The third child of Prince William and wife Kate was christened Monday at a royal chapel.

The service for Prince Louis was attended by guests including Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, and newlyweds Prince Harry and Meghan.

Louis's siblings Prince George, 4, and Princess Charlotte, 3, also watched the ceremony at The Chapel Royal in St. James's Palace.

Kate's parents and siblings were also there, including her sister Pippa Middleton, who is pregnant. Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip didn't attend.

Louis was dressed in a cream, frilly lace royal christening gown—a replica of the intricate robe made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter in 1841.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby welcomed the royals at the entrance to the chapel.

As Kate chatted to the archbishop while holding Louis, she could be heard describing her sleeping son as 'very relaxed and peaceful."

The duchess added, with a smile: "I hope he stays like this."

The royal couple also named six close friends and family members to be godparents to Prince Louis, who was born in April.

Superhero pose: Wonder Woman Gal Gadot visits kids' hospital

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP)—Movie star Gal Gadot surprised children at a Virginia hospital with a superpowered superhero moment: She visited them wearing her iconic Amazonian armor costume from the popular "Wonder Woman" film.

Gadot doled out hugs, kisses,

and autographs Friday at Inova Children's Hospital in northern Virginia. She posed for photos with patients and staffers, and those started popping up on social media over the weekend.

One mom, Kelly Sahady of Sterling, posted photos of Gadot holding her 7-month-old daughter and giving her a kiss. Sahady tells WUSA-TV her daughter, Karalyne, is fighting an aggressive form of pediatric cancer called acute myeloid leukemia. She says meeting Gadot was a fun break.

Crews have been shooting "Wonder Woman 1984" in the Washington region in recent weeks.

Brooks alleges that in April 2017, when the film was

shooting under the title "Laby-

rinth" in and around the Bar-

clay Hotel in downtown LA,

he informed the director Brad

Furman that an upcoming take featuring Depp would have to be the last outdoor shot of the night because of legal permits.

The lawsuit says Furman forced Brooks to go beyond his duties and tell Depp himself that shooting had to end. Brooks said he was seeking out the off-duty sheriff's deputy serving as set security when Depp found him first.

Brooks said Depp smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated as he shouted obscenities then "angrily and forcefully" punched Brooks twice in the rib cage.

Depp then yelled "I will give you one hundred thousand dollars to punch me in the face right now!" at Brooks when he showed little reaction, according to the lawsuit, before the actor's bodyguards pulled him away.

Brooks said he returned to work the following Monday and was asked by a producer to write and sign a declaration saying he wouldn't sue over the incident. Brooks says he was fired on the spot when he refused.

Brooks suffered humiliation, wrongful termination and physical and mental pain from the incident, the lawsuit says. The filmmakers should have known that that Depp was using alcohol and drugs and was a threat to the well-being of others on the set, it says.

Messages left seeking comment with representatives for Depp and the production company Good Films Productions were not immediately returned. A publicist listed for Furman said she no longer represented him, but forwarded him a message seeking comment. There was no immediate reply.

Depp has seen a career downturn with several box-office flops in recent years. With it has come a series of sometimes-ugly legal fights including a long court battle with his former money managers over lost millions and a bitter divorce from wife Amber Heard.

Daredevil Travis Pastrana replicates Evel Knievel's jumps

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Daredevil Travis Pastrana has successfully replicated three of Evel Knievel's motorcycle jumps.

Appearing Sunday night in Las Vegas on the History Channel's "Evel Live ," Pastrana cleared 52 crushed cars in a 143-foot (44-meter) jump and 16 Greyhound buses in a 192-foot (58-meter) jump. He concluded the event by sailing 149 feet (45 meters) over the fountains at Caesars Palace.

Pastrana, who wore a jumpsuit similar to what Knievel wore, said the fountain jump was the hardest. He said it was "an honor to live a day in Evel's boots."



Travis Pastrana jumps a row of crushed cars on a motorcycle, Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Las Vegas.

Knievel tried to jump the fountains in 1967 but crashed just before the landing ramp,

crushing his pelvis and fracturing several bones. He died in 2007 at age 69.

Wife of perfect husband cheats without remorse

EAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband of 11 vears and three children. "Carl" is attentive, caring and always puts the needs of our family first. You could say he is everyone's dream husband.

Long story short, I cheated on him while I was on vacation. It started as innocent flirtation, but then it went further. When "Brad" kissed me, I knew it wasn't going to stop there. Afterward, I not only didn't feel guilty, I did it again. I have been quietly communicating with Brad and sent him revealing photos and a graphic video of myself. He loved it, and we plan to

Please help me understand why I am cheating on such a wonderful husband. Shouldn't I feel guilty? What can I do to stop this before it gets out of control and Carl finds out? I really don't want to lose him.

DON'T FEEL GUILTY

DEAR DON'T FEEL GUILTY: I have a flash for you. This fling is already out of control. While the excitement may have gone out of your marriage, I guarantee that when Carl gets wind of this-start the countdown now-you'll have an abundance of it.

If you really value your marriage, start devoting as much energy to working on it as you have been directing toward Brad. And pray that Brad is a good enough sport to delete the incriminating photos and video.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with a man who is 28 years younger than I am. I'll call him Albert. We want to get married, but I'm not sure how much the age difference really matters. We have been seeing each other for almost a year, and I know he loves me. We haven't told anyone except a few people. My son, 28, and my daughter, 40, don't know how serious we are. My granddaughter knows everything.

I know my children may object because of the age difference and the fact that Albert is from another country (in Africa). To me, that doesn't matter, and it may not to them, but Albert is cerns read by others after my death. Is this silly of me? I realize worried that Immigration may question us. We are both private I'll be dead and gone, but the possibility of it happening inhibits people, and we want to be together as husband and wife.

I can't give him children, but there are other ways we can have a child of our own. I want my kids to be happy for me. I really need to know what you think.

LOST IN LOVE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LOST: That Albert is afraid of the questions Immigration might ask raises a red flag for me. What I think is that if you choose to proceed—as I suspect you probably will—you should be very cautious doing so.

DEAR ABBY: I have a concern I suspect is shared by others. Keeping a journal has been shown to be of significant psychological benefit, but I do not want my private thoughts and con-

DEAR ABBY

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me from recording my thoughts and feelings. Thanks for any insights you and/or your readers can offer.

PRIVATE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR PRIVATE: Unless you have an executor you can trust to dispose of your journals when you are gone, my recommendation would be to keep your journals online, in the cloud, and able to be accessed only by you.

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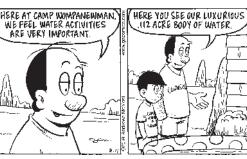
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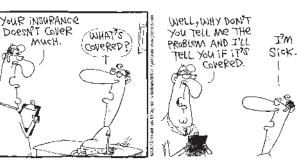


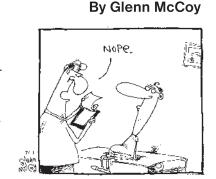


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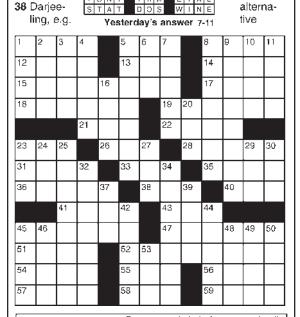
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for opportunities to discuss your thoughts with and get feedback from people you respect who are qualified to offer good advice. The information you gather will help point you in the right direction. Don't lose sight of your goals. ����

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Information is powerful. Don't get into a debate without having the knowledge and experience to make your point and to validate your reasons for making the choices you do. Your opinion counts. Personal improvements will turn out better than expected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your emotions take over. Be realistic when dealing with affairs of the heart or situations that can affect your relationship with someone you live with. Fair solutions will be the only way to reach an agreement. Be willing to compromise.

Difficulty Level

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Before you complain or criticize someone, take a closer look inward and consider how

you can improve. Your personal achievement will motivate others to follow suit and make positive adjustments as well. A kind word can make a huge difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Exaggeration will play a factor in the outcome of a situation you face at home or at work. The changes that come about will leave you or someone you are dealing with at a loss if promises are not kept. ••••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take on anyone making false claims. Keeping events straight and being clear in regard to who did what will help others make a positive decision that will assist you in reaching your set goals. A personal change looks gratifying. ��

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep busy and move forward. Your instincts will help you determine your best move. Refuse to let anyone bully you into something that doesn't fit into your plans. React sensibly and without feeling guilty. You cannot expect to please everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for alternatives. If one door shuts, another will open. Have faith in yourself and your ability to get things done. Embrace the future with optimism and patience. Don't cave under pressure. Personal improvements can be made. �����

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think matters through to the end. Understand the benefits as well as the consequences of

your actions. Use reason when dealing with anyone who doesn't see things your way. A change will turn out better if monitored every step of the way. •••

Sudoku is a number-placing

puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share your thoughts and look for alternative ways to get what you want without damaging a good relationship. Incentives will make a difference to the way others feel about you and how you handle matters. Romance will improve your personal life. 🛇 😂

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your distance from inconsistent or unpredictable individuals. It's in your best interests to avoid excessive behavior or anyone using emotional tactics to persuade you to get involved in something that isn't good for you. Make a choice and stick to it. OOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Know your limitations as well as your attributes. Be prepared to ask for what you want and to settle for what feels fair. Maintaining balance and integrity will also help you avoid repercussions. Romance is in the stars.

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Martinez's record homer leads Red Sox vs Rangers



his major league-leading 28th home run. Mookie Betts had two hits and a running catch in center field. Mitch Moreland made an over-the-shoulder grab. Even Andrew Benintendi, who is still trying to earn a spot in the All-Star Game, had a pair of hits.

The Boston Red Sox have a lineup stocked with All-Stars, and they're playing like it.

"There's so many ways this team can win every night," Martinez said after helping the Red Sox win their seventh straight game, 5-0 over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"Our whole team's been really consistent," said Martinez, one of five Boston players named to the AL roster in next week's All-Star Game. "You know what you're going to get when you come to the ballpark every night."

Martinez hit a three-run homer, Steve Pearce added a two-run shot and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched 5 2/3 innings as Boston won for the 14th time in 17 games. The Red Sox ended the day with a 2 1/2-game lead in the AL East—their biggest since April—over the New York Yankees, who split a doubleheader in Baltimore.

"Mookie, Benny, now it's getting fun," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "Those guys are getting on base a lot. And J.D.'s getting pitches to hit."

Pearce, who was acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays last month, lined a 3-2 pitch into the Monster Seats with two outs in the first inning to make it 2-0. It stayed that way until Betts and Benintendi singled to lead off the eighth and Martinez put one into the Monster Seats to give the Red



Sox a 5-0 lead.

That was plenty for five Red Sox pitchers, who combined on a five-hitter.

Yankees 10, Orioles 2 Orioles 5, Yankees 4

In Baltimore, Brett Gardner had four hits, homered and drove in three runs to help the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-2 Monday night for a doubleheader split.

In the opener, Danny Valencia snapped an 0-for-25 skid with a three-run homer off CC Sabathia, and Baltimore ended a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory.

Dodgers 8, Padres 2

In San Diego Clayton Kershaw pitched six shutout in-

nings, and Cody Bellinger and Justin Turner each had three hits as Los Angeles Dodgers beat San Diego.

Kershaw (3-4) improved his career mark to 18-6 against the Padres as the Dodgers moved a half-game behind the idle Arizona Diamondbacks for the National League West lead. Los Angeles won for the 33rd time in 48 contests.

Giants 2, Cubs 1, 11 innings

In San Francisco, Pablo Sandoval singled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning a day after driving in five runs, sending San Francisco over Chicago.

Brandon Crawford loaded the bases when he was intentionally walked by Pedro Strop to bring up Sandoval, who hit a sharp single to left against a five-man infield.

Reds 7, Indians 5

In Cleveland, Anthony DeSclafani allowed one run in seven innings, Scott Schebler was 4 for 5 with a homer, and the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Cleveland Indians 7-5 on Monday night.

All-Star first baseman Joey Votto homered for Cincinnati, which took the opener of the team's annual battle for the Ohio Cup and sent the AL Central leaders to their third straight loss.

Rays 10, Tigers 9, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Daniel Rob-

ertson hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Rays won for the 12th time in their last 13 home games by beating the Tigers.

Kevin Kiermaier had a oneout triple off Blaine Hardy (3-2) in the 10th. After Matt Duffy walked, Robertson won it on his hit to center.

Twins 3, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Eduardo Escobar had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh to support Jose Berrios' strong outing as the Twins beat the Royals.

Escobar plated Joe Mauer with a seventh-inning single as Minnesota took advantage of Kansas City's struggling bullpen to win its fifth straight game.

Athletics 2, Astros O

In Houston, Frankie Montas and two relievers combined for a five-hitter, Stephen Piscotty homered and hit an RBI single and the Athletics beat the Astros.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole struck out 11 and scattered three singles across six scoreless innings before Brad Peacock (1-4) took over for the seventh. Piscotty, who finished with three of Oakland's six hits, greeted him with his home run to left field to make it 1-0. He added an insurance run with a single in the eighth.

Pirates 6, Nationals 3

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco drove in four runs in the first two innings and the Pirates went on to a victory over the Nationals.

Polanco hit a two-run double in the first as the Pirates

started the game with four straight hits, then added a tworun home run in the second, his 13th of the season to extend the lead to 6-1.

Ivan Nova (5-6) worked around eight hits to hold the Nationals to three runs over 5 2/3 innings. He struck out five and did not issue a walk.

Marlins 4, Brewers 3, 10 innings

In Miami, backup catcher Bryan Holaday hit a walk-off RBI single with one out in the 10th inning and the Marlins beat the Brewers.

Holaday, who came into the game batting .165, was in the lineup because the Marlins placed All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto on the paternity list before the game in anticipation of the birth of his first child.

Jesus Aguilar gave his All-Star candidacy a boost by hitting his NL-leading 23rd homer for Milwaukee.

Mets 4, Phillies 3 Phillies 3, Mets 1

In New York, Aaron Nola allowed one hit in seven shutout innings and lashed a three-run double that sent the Philadelphia Phillies past the New York Mets on Monday for a split of their doubleheader.

One night after being named to his first All-Star team, Nola (12-2) struck out 10 and won his sixth straight decision to become the only 12-game winner in the National League. With his teammates scuffling at the plate, he took care of the offense himself by doubling his career RBI total in the fifth.

AL outfield grabs attention as All-Star rosters announced

Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and each had four, including rook-Mookie Betts form a dream outfield for the American League. Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a notso-gracious welcome committee for the NL.

power. A capital-sized All- all those big boys out there," Star Game.

Baseball unveiled the rosters for its midsummer showcase Sunday night, featuring an imposing AL lineup and Harper starting at his home ballpark in Washington.

Reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was one of five All-Stars from the World Series champion Houston Astros, matching the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians for most in the majors. The New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves ie Glevber Torres from the Bronx Bombers and fellow second baseman Ozzie Albies from the surprising Braves.

"It's fun. You're playing but you're looking around Power in the center of because you're playing with said Altuve, who made the AL team for the sixth time.

> Torres is on the disabled list with a hip injury and unlikely to participate. While he and Albies are just 21 years old, the list of 25 first-time All-Stars also includes thirtysomething surprises like Boston first baseman Mitch Moreland, Texas Rangers slugger Shin-Soo Choo and Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis.

"It's something that I didn't know it would ever be quite

possible," Moreland said. "I'm definitely excited about the opportunity and appreciative of having that opportunity."

Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has 25 homers and 58 RBI for the Yankees, and Betts is batting .342 with 22 homers for the major league-leading Red Sox.

But that's just the beginning for the AL, which has won five All-Star Games in a row and 17 of the last 21.

Altuve led the fan balloting with 4.8 million votes. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado will make the short trip down to D.C. for the July 17 game with speculation increasing about his future ahead of the trade deadline.

Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, Cleveland Indians third baseman Jose Ramirez, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos round out the AL's starting lineup.

"The best part is being with all the guys. You're on the biggest stage with the best," said Trout, who was selected for the seventh straight year—tying Boston ace Chris Sale for the longest active streak.

Harper was voted a starter for the fourth consecutive year. The slugger, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is batting just .218 for disappointing Washington but has 21 homers and 50 RBI.

Nadal returns to Wimbledon quarterfinals

LONDON (AP)—After seven years of struggles, Rafael Nadal is finally looking like a contender again at Wimbledon.

The top-ranked Spaniard is back in the quarterfinals at the All England Club for the first time since 2011—and playing a lot like the man who reached his fifth final that year.

"It's true it has been a while," Nadal said about his return to the last eight. "But when I come here, I come here thinking that I can do a good result, no?"

Clearly, the King of Clay hasn't forgotten how to play on grass.

The 11-time French Open champion beat Jiri Vesely 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court on Monday and has yet to drop a set in this tournament. While tougher tests are still to come, it seems the old Nadal is back at Wimbledon.

That's the Nadal who earned two titles and three runner-up finishes in a sixyear span from 2006-11, despite missing the 2009 tournament with knee problems. Not the one who made it past the second round only once in the four years after that, or who was knocked out by Gilles Muller in the fourth round last year after missing 2016 with another injury.

While Nadal has found grass difficult of late, he insists some of those results were misleading.

"To be fair and honest, we have to think about the things that happened. In 2012, 2013, I was not able to compete. Even if I played, I was not able to compete with the knees the way I had. (In) 2014, I played a good tournament. I lost in the fourth round against a player I can lose to (Nick Kyrgios), 2015 was a very bad year for me, not on grass, on most of the surfaces. It's normal that I



lost here, too. In 2016 I didn't play because of my wrist. In 2017 I played well, 2018 I am playing well."

Vesely can attest to that.

Nadal hit 37 winners to only 12 unforced errors and erased the only break he allowed by breaking back immediately in the third set.

His play already has fans and commentators dreaming of another final between Nadal and Roger Federer—on the 10th anniversary of their five-set classic that the Spaniard won. Standing in the way yet could be fourth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro in the quarterfinals—the Argentine's

fourth-round match was suspended with him holding a 2-1 set lead—and then possibly three-time champion Djokovic in the semifinals.

The idea of another Nadal-Federer final seems to have most people quite excited— except Nadal himself. The Spaniard is hoping his old rival, and eight-time champion, gets knocked out before that.

"If he's in the final, I am excited to play Roger," he said. "Facing Roger again will be something fantastic. If you ask me if I prefer another (opponent), I say yes. That's the point. It's about being smart,

Meanwhile, not one top-10 seed has made the women's quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

> Serena Williams will be there, though, after she moved a step closer to an eighth title at the All England Club.

Williams reached

her 13th Wimbledon quarterfinal by beating Russian qualifier Evgeniya Rodina 6-4, 6-2 on Monday, and never looked likely to join the parade of favorites who have been eliminated.

No. 7 Karolina Pliskova became the last of the top-10 seeds to be knocked out, losing to Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

Since seeds were introduced in the 1920s, it's the first time none of the top 10 women have reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon. It's also a first for any Grand Slam tournament in the 50-year professional era.

Williams is seeded 25th after returning from having a baby, but is looking like her usual dominant self on the grass courts. In a matchup of the only two mothers remaining in the draw, she jumped into a 3-0 lead in both sets and wrapped up the win in

62 minutes.

Rodina, who upset 10thseeded Madison Keys in the previous round, broke back for 3-2 in the second set but was broken to love straight away.

"It was tougher than the scoreline," Williams said. "I knew we were both moms, and I'm not sure how often that's happened, if ever. So it's really cool. You can be a mom, you can still play tennis and you can still be great."

In other results, Roger Federer advanced to a recordextending 16th Wimbledon quarterfinal with a 6-0, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Adrian Mannarino of France.

ANGELES LOS (AP)—It's official. LeBron is a Laker. The Los Angeles Lakers announced the signing of LeBron

James as a free agent Monday night, confirming the seismic shift created by the fourtime NBA Most Valuable Player's decision to leave Cleveland for the 16-time champion franchise on the West Coast.

James' representatives at Klutch Sports Group tweeted a photo of James signing his contract with Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka. James' agency already announced last week that the superstar had agreed to a four-year deal worth \$153.3 million with Los Angeles.

The Lakers have missed the playoffs in a franchise-record five consecutive seasons, while James has played in the past eight NBA Finals with the

Miami Heat and the Cleveland

Cavaliers, winning three titles.

The 33-year-old budding entertainment mogul immediately becomes the focus of the Lakers franchise and a possible foundation for the NBA's next superteam, depending on whether James and the Lakers can persuade more superstars to join him in the next year or two.

Magic Johnson, the Lakers' president of basketball operations, called James "the best player in the world" in a news release.

"He loves to compete and is an awesome leader who is about winning and making sure that his teammates are successful," Johnson said. "The Lakers players are excited to have a teammate who has been to nine NBA Finals. It's a huge step closer to returning the Lakers to the playoffs and to the NBA Finals."

James is coming off one of his greatest NBA seasons, playing in all 82 regular-season games for the Cavaliers while finishing third in the NBA with 27.5 points per game and hitting career highs with 8.6 rebounds and 9.1 assists. He then carried Cleveland to its fourth consecutive NBA Finals, where the Cavs were swept by Golden State.

"This is a historic moment for the Lakers, and we could not feel more grateful and honored," Pelinka said. "When LeBron James—a perennial NBA MVP and champion who is playing at the most astonishing levels of his career—chooses to join the Lakers, it serves as the ultimate validation for what we are building here. However, we all know that the work is not yet done."

Lakers announce LeBron has signed; Doncic pens deal with Mavs

James' arrival is indeed validation for Johnson and Pelinka, who took over the Lakers' front office in February 2017 with a specific plan to rebuild the franchise by persuading established superstars to join as free agents.

The Lakers already have begun assembling a revamped team around James by acquiring Rajon Rondo, JaVale McGee and Lance Stephenson in free agency while retaining guard Caldwell-Pope. Kentavious Los Angeles also assembled a reasonably talented young core before James' arrival with Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Josh Hart.

But they didn't even get a meeting with star scorer Paul George before the Southern California native re-signed with Oklahoma City, and their efforts to acquire disgruntled two-way superstar Kawhi Leonard from San Antonio haven't borne fruit so far.

The Lakers don't appear to be planning a public event to welcome James to Los Angeles, where he already owns multiple homes and spends summers with his family.

But Blaze Pizza-the growing pizza chain in which James is an investor—announced a threehour pizza giveaway on Tuesday to welcome James to LA.

LeBron responded with a tweet, his first since June 26: "Haven't been to a pizza party in a minute ... Culver City?"

In Dallas, Luka Doncic has signed his rookie contract with the Dallas Mavericks that will

pay the third overall pick \$5.5 million next season.

The Mavericks announced Monday night that the 19-year-old EuroLeague MVP had signed the deal.

Dallas moved up two spots in the NBA draft last month to get the versatile Slovenian guard, who was selected by Atlanta at No. 3. The Mavericks picked former Oklahoma scoring sensation Trae Young for the Hawks at No. 5 as part of the deal that includes a protected 2019 first-round draft pick going to Atlanta.

The 6-foot-7, 220-pound Doncic is set to make \$6.4 million in his second season with the Mavericks.

Doncic signed with Real Madrid at age 13 and made his debut as a 16-year-old. Real Madrid won the 2017-18 EuroLeague title and he was the Final Four MVP.

CNMI delegates to Micro Games leave Saturday

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The bulk of the CNMI delegates to the 2018 Micronesian Games will leave Saipan for Yap this Saturday.

The men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's indoor volleyball, athletics, and men's and women's canoe teams will board a United Airlines flight to Guam before heading to Colonia Saturday early afternoon in time for Sunday's opening ceremony at the Yap Sports Complex track oval. The CNMI's spearfishing team will leave tomorrow, while the Commonwealth's swimmers won't be in Yap until next week, as the open water swim is scheduled on July 20 and 21.



NORTHERN MARIANAS ATHLETICS

Members of the CNMI Athletics Team train at the Oleai Sports Complex last week despite of the bad weather conditions.

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from June 25 to 30.

The United Nations recognized Sakovich as the "Father of Swimming in the Pacific" in December last year, in honor of his more than four decades of helping develop the sport and its athletes in the region.

The Saipan Swim Club founder could not think of anyone to dedicate the recognitions he got, but thanked the swimmers and coaches he has worked with in the last 40-plus years.

"I never thought of who I

and instead I would like to say thanks to all the swimmers and coaches whom I have worked with the past 44 years. It is a great feeling to have high school swimmers who really could not swim four years ago, compete, win ribbons, and go on to college and swim. I am in touch with many of them, and many more sent me messages once the word got out. I have put a lot into it and I am

would dedicate the award to

septuagenarian said.

He has nothing to prove

thankful many are very ap-

preciative of my work," the

with all the work he has done in the Pacific, but Sakovich and his wife, Jeannie, have no plans of slowing down.

"Because I still enjoy it, and feel the rewards when swimmers complete their four years of high school swimming, whether they go on to swim or not. I think swimming is tough, requires a lot of time and many sacrifices, and swimmers learn from this and keep it the rest of their lives," he said.

"When we returned to Hawaii I continued coaching clubs, and started coaching high school. Last year, Jeannie and I dropped club coaching, although we both volunteer when the other teams here need short term help. But basically, I concentrate on my Waiakea High School swim team coaching. I do have time for other activities such as outrigger canoe paddling and conducting swim clinics in the Pacific islands. Fortunately high school coaching is mostly from late August thru January, and paddling is during the spring and summer," the former Northern Mariana Sports Association head said.

Baseball games will be played from July 16 to 26 with the CNMI debuting against

Yap on July 17 in the 3pm first match. In the second tiff, it will be Kosrae versus Pohnpei, while the latter will kick off the competition on July 16 at 3pm against Palau. Yap will also play in the opening day, as it faces Kosrae at 6pm. Defending champion Guam will have its first match on July 18 opposite Kosrae. The baseball contest will use a page system format in the playoffs with the Top 2 finishers after the elimination battling for the first finals berth. The loser of the No. 1 vs 2 match will then play the winner of the No. 3 vs 4 tiff for the second and last finals ticket. The gold medal game is tentatively set for July 26

at 6pm after the third place match at 3pm.

Basketball will also start on July

16 and will conclude on July 24. Schedule has yet to be released, but both the men's and women's teams will be divided into two pools for the elimination round.

Men's indoor volleyball will take place from July 19 to 22 with the CNMI battling Pohnpei, Guam, Chuuk, Yap, Palau, and Kiribati.

Canoe racing will be held on July 18 and 19; athletics competition will run from July 16 to 19; spearfishing on July 16 and 17; and weightlifting on July 18 and 19.

Teams are putting finishing touches on their preparations for the Micro Games with athletics having a time trial that started last night and will run

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with the Marianas Cup and hopefully before the year ends, we can play some games here," the GFA head added.

Besides Guam, other member-countries of the East Asian Football Federation and Asian Football Confederation could also set foot here. Both EAFF and AFC hold regular tournaments, including qualifiers, which had members vying for hosting rights. Teams preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics are also possible markets for the training facility.

NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, during his speech at the opening ceremony, said the opening of the facility is just the start of more work to be done at the training center and he asks for the community's support and commitment to take care of it.

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dran Corluka both previously played for Tottenham, and forward Andrej Kramaric was formerly at Leicester City.

England beat Croatia 4-1 and 5-1 in their last two meetings, World Cup qualifiers in 2008 and 2009, but the abiding memory for England fans remains that defeat in 2007.

Davor Suker, a star of the Croatian team that reached the 1998 World Cup semifinals and president of the national football federation, tried to play down the grudge factor ahead of Wednesday's semifinal match in Moscow.

"Not revenge, it's football," he said, adding that he wished Croatia was facing a weaker England team. "What I would like, England from before, but now England is very strong. We will respect this team."

England won the 1966 World Cup but hasn't returned to the final of the sport's marquee event. In the semifinals in 1990, West Germany advanced on penalties over England.

Suker said England coach Gareth Southgate has built a team of "hungry" players motivated to win for their country and not distracted by the trappings of fame.

"You know, the coach, what

he has, football comes home," Suker said, referencing England's "Three Lions" song.

"It's the hungry players, you see," Suker said, explaining that cash and fast cars can't compare for players with competing for the biggest title. "Just 11 against 11 warriors and that's playing in the World Cup."

Besides the semifinal on Wednesday in Moscow, England and Croatia will meet twice more this year in the new UEFA Nations League.

England will play Croatia away on Oct. 12. The game will be played at an empty venue because Croatia is under a stadium ban from UEFA imposed back in 2015 when a swastika was painted on its field ahead of a game. England hosts Croatia on Nov. 18 in the return fixture.

England's set-piece mastery reaping rewards

Forget bending them like Beckham. At this World Cup, it has been a case of teasing them in like Trippier and angling them in like Ashley.

Set pieces have been the main source of goals at the tournament in Russia—42 percent, no less—and England has been the master of that department on its run to the semifinals.

Eight of its 11 goals so far have come via free kicks, corners or penalties, which is four more than any other team and the most since Portugal also scored eight set-piece goals at the World Cup in 1966.

This hasn't come about by fluke. Meticulous preparation—including a trip to the United States to take in an NBA game—the selection of specific players with strong dead-ball delivery, and the defensive nature of high-pressure tournament football has led to a point where set pieces could yet lead England to a second World Cup title.

"Set pieces have been a massive thing for us and other teams through the whole of the World Cup," Ashley Young, one of England's setpiece takers, said Monday. "Obviously we work on them in attack and defense, and they are vitally important for us.

"They have worked in our favor and we'll carry on working on them."

A decade ago, England had one of the best set-piece takers in football in David Beckham, whose precision and ability to curl the ball in from the wing was an important weapon at major tournaments. So famous were his crosses that a movie, "Bend It Like Beckham," was spun off it in 2002.

In England's class of 2018, free kicks, corners and wide crosses are mostly provided by England's wing backs, Young and Kieran Trippier, and they are proving tough to defend.

Young set up England's first goal in the 2-0 quarterfinal win over Sweden with a driven corner from the left wing that was headed in by Harry Maguire. Trippier's delivery from the right has been even more impressive, so much so that some have nicknamed him the "Bury Beckham" -- a reference to the northern town where he was born.

"I used to watch Beckham and (World Cup-winning Italy midfielder Andrea) Pirlo, players like this, over their careers—they have got a fantastic right foot on them and everyone knows that," Tripper said. "Beckham was the one I always looked up to; the technique, his crossing, on the move or set pieces."

Only a few months ago, Young and Trippier were far from sure of getting into England's World Cup squad, never mind the starting team. However, Gareth Southgate, the team's forward-thinking coach, decided to switch formation to a 3-5-2 last year in an effort to give more security to his defense, enable his midfielders to have more posses-

sion, and to get more support for star striker Harry Kane.

Another side-effect was the necessity for wing backs, and who better than the energetic Young and Trippier?

But it's more than just England's crossing ability. It's what the players are doing when the ball goes into the area.

Southgate spent time in the United States at the start of the year, watching the Super Bowl but also NBA games in a bid to discover how teams got themselves into space near the basket via choreographed moves and plays. Southgate also recruited Allan Russell, the team's attack coach, who has keenly studied set-play moves in American Football and the NBA.

At the World Cup, England's players have acted as screens to block defenders and give teammates space to attack the ball, as seen in England's opening goal against Panama scored by center back John Stones. They've used decoy runners. They've lined up in bizarre formations to confuse their markers—like against Colombia in the round of 16 where four players stood in a row before splintering off.

It helps having big, tall players like Maguire and Stones to get on the end of the crosses.

"They are willing to put

their heads through a brick wall," Young said with smile.

Three of England's goals have come from the penalty spot, all converted by Kane, and the team won a penalty shootout for the first time at a World Cup to beat Colombia. Southgate has worked on improving England players' psychology going into shootouts, while goalkeeper Jordan Pickford used information—detailing where Colombia's penalties were likely to go—that was written on a water bottle next to his goal.

Meanwhile, five of England's goals have been headers, also tying the record for a single World Cup since 1966. It was telling that against Sweden, when both goals were from headers, England's players picked their moments to cross in the ball.

Kyle Walker, for example, repeatedly found himself in good areas and space to deliver a cross but chose to lay the ball off to players with better delivery like Trippier and Jesse Lingard, who assisted Dele Alli for the second goal.

Croatia has scored two set-piece goals at the World Cup—one being a penalty—so the English appear to have the advantage in this department.

Expect them to exploit it in Moscow on Wednesday.

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Ballerz vs Hafa Adai in 3x3 Tournament Finals

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Hafa Adai's Duncan Laxa, center, is fouled by the Ballerz's Dean Blake, left, while the latter's teammate, Coby Santos provides help defense during their title match in the qualifying tournament for the 2018 Mixed U-18 IBF Youth Leaders Basketball Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Ballerz won, 22-10.



Hafa Adai's Eric Deleon Guerrero, right, fakes off the defense of Ballerz's Coby Santos.



The Ballerz's Coby Santos attempts a triple in front of the defense of Hafa Adai's Eric Deleon Guerrero.



The Ballerz's Coby Santos, left, drives baseline against Hafa Adai's

Eric Deleon Guerrero.

The Ballerz's Cassandra Camacho, left, unloads a short jumper over Hafa Adai's Kina Rangamar.



Hafa Adai's Kina Rangamar, left, kicks the ball out, as she is covered by the defense of the Ballerz's Cassandra Camacho.



The Ballerz's Dean Blake, right, pulls up for a shot against Hafa Adai's Eric Deleon Guerrero.



Hafa Adai's Duncan Laxa has nowhere to go, as he is hounded by the Ballerz's Coby Santos and Dean Blake.

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New pitch to boost sports tourism

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he new NMI Soccer Training Center is expected to attract off-island teams thus boosting sports tourism in the Commonwealth.

"This facility will definitely do wonders for our portfolio. We are

very impressed with how the director Chris Concepcion, facility turned out and it will who was among the govern-

help us in promoting the Mari-Northern anas as sports haven for Mariana Islands teams and athletes," Football Association said Marianas Visitors

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Sakovich receives award from Oceania



Saipan Swim Club founder Bill Sakovich, left, poses with swimmer Lennosuke Suzuki after a race in the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships held in Papua New Guinea last month.

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was handed a crystal trophy by the Organization of Sports Federations of Oceania after being named as "Father of Swimming in the Pacific."

"I was given a nice crystal trophy from OSFO. It covers all sports and swimming is only one. The selection was done by members of the Oceania Swimming Association and all were present during the meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea last month. It was an award for my selection as 'Father of Swimming in the Pacific," he said.

"The president of Oceania Swimming and member of FINA Executive Committee, Dennis Miller, made the presentation," Sakovich told Saipan Tribune upon his return to Hawaii last week after leading the island's swimmers

in the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships that ran

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ment officials that inaugurated the facility located in Koblerville early this month. "I once visited the facility

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A Kanoa Football Club player kicks the ball during a shooting drill conducted before the opening of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville early this month.

while construction was undergoing. Now, I was awe with the finish product. This is such a great facility. It's worth the investment," Concepcion added.

MVA allocated funds to the training center and the Oleai Sports Complex as part of its destination-enhancement program.

"Through this facility and the much-improved Oleai track, we will be able to host off-island teams and their officials and family members," Concepcion said.

Last month, hundreds of athletes from the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Nauru competed at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility during the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018.

As for the training center, Guam would be one of the early visitors of the newly built facility that has a main artificial turf, a mini pitch, offices, rest rooms, bleacher, and ample parking space.

"You'll see more teams coming down here often to play," said Guam Football Association president Tino San Gil, who was among the offisland guests during the opening of the facility.

"This facility was forthcoming. When Jerry (Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan) started getting involved with the sport in the CNMI, I knew it would not take long for him to build a great facility. He envisioned this and made it happen," San Gil added.

"We will make revisions

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Playing Croatia in semis is a harsh reminder for England



Croatia's Mario Mandzukic, left, challenges for the ball with Russia's Mario Fernandes during the quarterfinal match at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Fisht Stadium, in Sochi, Russia, Saturday, July 7, 2018.

SOCHI, Russia (AP)—Croatia there at England's lowest ebb this century in international

to peak.

soccer, and it'll be

ers, the 3-2 loss to Croatia in November 2007 was a national embarrassment. Coach Steve McClaren's tactics floundered as he clutched an umbrella in pouring rain on the sidelines at Wembley, and he was dubbed "the Wally with the brolly" following the loss that meant England failed to qualify for Euro 2008.

A decade later a young, vibrant team has earned England a spot in the World Cup semifinals for the first time in



28 years and it will face Croatia again. The euphoria on the streets of London was matched in Zagreb, where Croats

there as the English team tries celebrated their country's best World Cup run since 1998.

"We respect them and I think they respect us," said Croatia defender Dejan Lovren, who has played in England since 2013. "We're two great teams and it will be a great challenge for us and for them, so let's see who will be better."

Lovren is the only player in Croatia's World Cup squiad who is currently with an English club, although his teammates Luka Modric and Ve-

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